

## The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Warbleton

### Safeguarding Policy

*As members of the PCC of this parish:*

1 We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all who participate in activity organized by this church.

2 We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

3 We are committed to implementing all safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops of the Church of England and set out in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook first issued in July 2018

4 We will carefully select and train all those who work or volunteer in positions of trust where safeguarding issues may arise. We will use the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.

5 We will respond, without delay, to every reported concern that a person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.

6 We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community.

7 We will seek to ensure that anyone for whom we have pastoral responsibility who has suffered abuse is offered support that meets their needs.

8 We will respond appropriately to those who wish to join our fellowship and who have committed sexual offences known to us following the House of Bishop's guidance and the advice of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

9 We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all of our procedures, particularly in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service, are up to date.

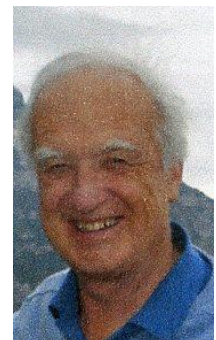
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Approved by the PCC 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020