**APPENDIX B**

**MODEL PARISH POLICY**

**For Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults**

The PCC of …………………………………………………………………

1) Accepts the prime duty of care placed upon the Parish Priest and Parochial Church Council (PCC) to ensure the well-being of children and vulnerable adults in the church community.

2) Adopts and implements this child protection policy and procedures, based on the Diocesan Safeguarding policy and the House of Bishops 'Protecting all God’s Children'

3) Will appoint a co-ordinator(s) to work with the Parish Priest and the PCC to implement policy and procedures. The co-ordinator(s) must ensure that any concerns are dealt with according to the Diocesan policy and legislative requirements.

The PCC has appointed …………………………………………………………..…

to be the Safeguarding Coordinator(s). They share the responsibility for safeguarding in the Parish with the Parish Priest.

The PCC recognizes the following areas of work with children and vulnerable

adults :- *(list all children's and vulnerable adults work)*

The PCC has authorized the following people to work with children and

Vulnerable adults in the church:- *(list all children's and vulnerable adults leaders)*

The PCC will:

Display the Childline telephone number and details of how to contact the coordinators

Ensure that all those authorized to work with children and vulnerable adults or in a position of authority have undertaken a DBS Disclosure check and been appropriately appointed.

Ensure that all such authorized personnel are trained, supported and provided with a copy of the Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines.

Pay particular attention to all those with specific needs, including those from ethnic minorities, to ensure their full integration and protection within the church community.

Create a culture of informed vigilance which takes safeguarding seriously.

Ensure that appropriate pastoral care is available for any person who has made a disclosure.

Provide, as appropriate, support for all parents and families in the congregation.

Ensure that those who may pose a threat to children and vulnerable adults are effectively managed and monitored.

Provide appropriate insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the Parish.

Review the implementation of the safeguarding policy, procedures and good practice annually.

The above has been discussed and implemented by the PCC.

Signed

Parish Priest

Secretary of the PCC

Parish Child Protection

Co-ordinator (s)

Date

**A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER UPON INITIAL COMPLETION AND THEN ANNUALLY.**

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