

# Guiseley Baptist Policy Statement



## Church Safeguarding

At Guiseley Baptist Church we have a vision for sharing the love of Jesus and integral to this is the provision that we make for children, young people and adults at risk within our church family and community.

- As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure we implement our policy well.
- It is the duty of each church member to help prevent the abuse of children and adults at risk, and the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and adults at risk. Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported in accordance with our procedures. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

### **Safer recruitment, support and supervision of workers**

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and adults at risk, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children and adults at risk.

### **Respecting children and adults at risk**

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and adults at risk so that all children and adults are shown the respect that is due to them.

### **Safer working practices**

The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults at risk and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

### **A safer community**

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying. The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any individuals who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults at risk in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

### **Putting our policy into practice**

- A copy of the safeguarding policy statement will be displayed permanently on the church noticeboard and church office and is available on our church website.

- Each worker with children and/or adults at risk will be given a full copy of the safeguarding policy and procedures and will be asked to sign to confirm that they will follow them.
- A full copy of the policy and procedures will be made available on request to any member of, or other person associated with the church.
- The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed annually, and any necessary revisions adopted into the policy and implemented through our procedures.
- The policy statement will be read annually at the church AGM, together with a report on the outcome of the annual safeguarding review.

The church has appointed the following individuals to form part of the church safeguarding team:

**Joy Liles Designated Person contact number 07983 537013**

**Crispin Northey Designated Person contact number 07759026265**

**Carol Cook Safeguarding Trustee**

<p><b>Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)</b></p> <p>0113 378 9687</p> <p>LADO@leeds.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Police</b></p> <p>Contact 101, or 999 in an emergency</p>
<p><b>Adult Social Services</b></p> <p>9am -5pm 0113 222 4401</p> <p>Out of Hours 0113 535 0600</p>
<p><b>Children's Social Services</b></p> <p>9am—5pm 0113 2224403</p> <p>Out of hours 0113 535 0600</p> <p>If you think a child is in immediate danger please call the police on 999</p>
<p><b>Local Baptist Association Safeguarding Contact</b></p> <p>Debbie Gamble</p> <p>0113 278 4945</p> <p>debbie.gamble@yba.org.uk</p>