

**DIOCESE OF LINCOLN**  
**Parish Church of St Leodegar Wyberton**

**POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING OF  
CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

**POLICY**

1. The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) of Parish Church of St Leodegar Wyberton has adopted:-

*Protecting all God's children edition 4* House of Bishops' 2010 'The Child Protection Policy for the Church of England'

*Promoting a safe church* House of Bishops' 2006  
The policy for safeguarding adults in the Church of England

- 1.1 A copy of the full relevant policy is obtainable on the Diocese of Lincoln's website [www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection)
- 1.2 A summary of the policy approved for display by the PCC and signed by the church wardens is displayed on the church notice board (copy attached)

**2. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

2.1 Supporting families, parents and carers. It is suggested that vulnerable adult and child protection should be seen within the context of family, parents and carer support. If one supports the family, parents or carer, one supports the vulnerable adult or child or young person. The PCC supports this approach.

2.2 Confidentiality. The House of Bishops' child protection policy contains (at page 33) guidance on Confidentiality see also appendix 1 of *Promoting a safe church*. While respecting the need for confidentiality it is legally possible, appropriate and highly desirable to disclose relevant information to the public authorities for the sake of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC understands both the need for confidentiality and the requirement to disclose information to protect those who are vulnerable.

2.3 Insurance The House of Bishops' Policy *Protecting all God's children* page 29 gives advice about insurance for those working with children and young people The PCC has reviewed its arrangements in the light of this advice

2.4 Standards in working with children and young people. It is important that the environment in which children and youth groups meet is appropriate and safe. Further advice can be found at page 22 onwards

2.5 Protecting all God's children. The PCC has reviewed its work in the light of this guidance

2.6 Specific work/contact with children. The PCC has identified the following children and youth work activity where the House of Bishops' policy should apply:-

- Road Hog Mission parish support team
- Sunday School
- Church Choir

2.7 Specific work/contact with Vulnerable Adults. The PCC has identified the following vulnerable adults activity where the House of Bishops' policy should apply:-

- Visitation to the elderly or otherwise vulnerable in their homes or accommodation
- Church Wardens supervising services in the church and social activities arranged within the church
- Social activities supported by the church held outside of the church building

2.8 Support. In all these schemes volunteers will be approved, supported and trained in line with the House of Bishops' Policy. The Diocese of Lincoln will make training on child protection available in each deanery. Information on training can be found at the safeguarding section of the Diocese of Lincoln website

2.9 Posters will be displayed which feature ChildLine and Parentline contact details. Copies are available via the website [www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection)

2.10 What to do if you are concerned about a particular child or young person. Do not keep this to yourself. Share the concern with someone you can trust who can help you. The PCC agrees this approach. See further information at [www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/protection)

2.11 Monitoring arrangements. This policy, strategy, implementation and development will be reviewed annually by the PCC using the monitoring form provided by Lincoln Diocese.