

# An example of a parish policy

(to be read at the Annual General Meeting where progress in implementing the policy will be monitored.)



## **Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of...** (name of parish)

**This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on: (date)**

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church
- Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines
- Each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people,

the PCC has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
to be the Child Protection Coordinator.

- **Children and Young People are an important part of our Church today**
- **They have much to give as well as to receive**
- **We will listen to them**
- **As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of Children and Young People.**