

# Diocese of St Albans Benefice Policy for Safeguarding Children 2019

## **Benefice of Silsoe, Flitton and Pulloxhill in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans**

The following Policy was agreed in the Spring of 2019 by the Parochial Church Council of each of our Churches.

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and procedures accepting the House of Bishops' Protecting All God's Children (4<sup>th</sup> edition 2010). In addition the Parish will follow the Diocesan Procedures and recommended good practice and be responsive to local parish requirements.
- We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This Parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Guidelines Relating to Safer Recruitment and Diocesan Procedures and guidelines.