Policy for Safeguarding Adults at Risk 2026

Parish of Bengeo (Holy Trinity with Christ Church and St. Leonard)
in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans.

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting held on 27 April 2025

- We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that all adults should be offered respect and given inclusion and empowerment within the Church.
- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding policy for adults when they are vulnerable accepting the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Promoting a Safe Church 2006) and be responsive to local parish requirements.
- In particular we will follow the policies and guidance issued by the House of Bishops, promoting a Safer Church (2017) paying due regard to Section 5 Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.
- We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- We will carefully select those working with vulnerable groups and these workers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a vulnerable adult 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 adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended in a manner which could affect adults who are vulnerable.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with vulnerable 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 Church of England Practice Guidance.

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Adults Co-ordinator **Mrs Anne Sentance**

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Signed Incumbent.....

Church Warden .....

26th March 2026

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