

# **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**

## ***Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Children & Young People Church of St James Church, Canons Road, Great Sankey***

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

- It will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored
- 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, emotional and spiritual 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 **Louise Herridge** to be the Lead Recruiter (formerly known as Safeguarding Co-ordinator). She can be contacted on 07814 710876.

- **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**