# Deane Parish Church

## Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church

## Of Deane Parish Church

**This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on: 25th March 2024**

- 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 policy and procedures published by the Diocese
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines
- Each worker with children and young people must undertake diocesan Safeguarding training, 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 DCC has appointed Paula Small Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
- Children and young people are an important part of our Church today.
- They have much to give as well as 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.

This church appoints Paula Small to represent the concerns and views of children and young people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent: Rev'd Terry Clark

Churchwarden: Paula Small

Churchwarden: Heath Taylor

Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Paula Small

Date: 25th March 2024