

## **Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of Christ Church Walmersley**

- 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 provide 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 **Cath Hilton** to be the Child Protection/ Safeguarding 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.**