

Lostock Parish Church

St Thomas & St John

Tempest Road Lostock Bolton BL6 4EL

Charity No: 1134574

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church

Of LOSTOCK PARISH CHURCH ST THOMAS AND ST JOHN

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on: 13th November 2017

- 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 PCC has appointed Mrs Samantha Abram to be the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Mrs Sandra Macpherson as Deputy 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 Mrs Samantha Abram and Mrs Sandra Macpherson to represent the concerns and views of children and young people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent: Rev'd Terry Clark

Churchwarden: Mark Kavanagh

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Mrs Samantha Abram

Date: 13th November 2017