



St. Stephen's Parish Church
St. Stephen's Road
Hightown
L38 0BL

- *integral to community life*
- *welcoming and joyful in worship*
- *inspiring and loving in our ministry to children*

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St Stephen, Hightown.

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on: 3rd March 2022

This policy will be reviewed annually.

- 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 Sonia Bunyard to be the Child Protection 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.**

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| Incumbent: | Revd. Keith Thornborough |
| Churchwarden: | Dr. Judith Welch |
| Churchwarden: | TBA |
| Safeguarding Officer Children and Young People: | Revd. Keith Thornborough (Acting) |