

# SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT FOR GODMANCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

## Our vision

The vision statement of Godmanchester Baptist Church is to 'Love God, Love each other and Make disciples' in our community.

In fulfilling this vision, we:

- Welcome children and adults with care and support needs into the life of our community.
- Run activities for children and adults with care and support needs.
- Make our premises available to organisations working with children and adults with care and support needs.

## Our safeguarding responsibilities

The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults with care and support needs, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or ability.

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection, and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure we implement our policy well.

- **Prevention and reporting of abuse.**

It is the duty of each church member to help prevent the abuse of children and adults with care and support needs, and the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and adults with care and support needs. Any abuse disclosed, discovered, or suspected will be reported in accordance with our procedures. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

- **Safer recruitment, support, and supervision of workers**

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and adults with care and support needs, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support, and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children and adults with care and support needs.

- **Respecting children and adults with care and support needs**

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and adults with care and support needs so that all children and adults are shown the respect that is due to them.

- **Safer working practices**

The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults with care and support needs and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

- **A safer community**

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying. The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any individuals who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults with care and support needs in the community of the church is managed appropriately.