**Policy Statement on the Protection of Children and Young People**

**This statement was agreed by Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union Trustees, at the meeting held on September 29th 2014 where progress in implementing it was to be monitored by the Trustees**

* As members of Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union, 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 any work undertaken with children is the responsibility of us all
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children andyoung people and to providing supervision, where deemed applicable
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese of Manchester in its document “SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN" Handbook of Policy and Procedures 2012
* Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union will adopt good practice guidelines
* Each member working with children must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them.
* As part of our commitment to children and young people, Manchester Diocese Mothers’ Union has appointed Christine Sharp to be the Child Protection/ Safeguarding Co-ordinator

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***Children and Young People have much to give as well as to receive***

***We will listen to them and respect their wishes and feelings as we nurture them in worship, learning and community life***