

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

The following policy was agreed by Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union Trustees at a virtual face to face meeting held on July 19th, 2021. This policy will be reviewed annually.

As an organisation concerned with Christian principles and ministry in family life, the nurture and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of Mothers' Union. Both individually as members and collectively as an organisation, Mothers' Union has a duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, doing everything possible to ensure that they are safe when involved in Mothers' Union activities.

We will follow the safeguarding policies and practices of the Diocese of Manchester, Province of York, as approved by the House of Bishops www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/policy-and-practice-guidance and as shown in The Parish Safeguarding Handbook "Promoting a Safer Church" 2018.

Mothers' Union will promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults by aiming to prevent abuse from occurring, to protect those who are at risk of abuse and to respond well to those who have been abused. We will follow procedures to enable the identification of those who may present a risk to others and, should this occur, seek appropriate pastoral support for them.

Each member in Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines stated.

Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union appoints **Christine Sharp** as Safeguarding Contact.

Diocesan President *Christine P. Sharp*

Diocesan Secretary *D. Wilson*

Date: July 19th, 2021