

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

### Policy Statement

This document is a summary of the aims and objectives of the Safeguarding Policy of Trinity Methodist Church.

Trinity Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the actions the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- **Promote** the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk of harm;
- Work to **prevent** abuse from occurring;
- Seek to **protect** and respond well to those that have been abused;
- Take care to identify where a person may pose a risk to others and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risk.

Trinity Methodist Church affirms that safeguarding is a shared responsibility. Everyone associated with Trinity Methodist Church who comes into contact with children, young people and adults at risk of harm has a role to play.

We will therefore:

#### **Promote a safer environment and culture**

(See Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 & 14 of the Safeguarding Policy)

#### **Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and adults at risk of harm within the Church**

(See Sections 2, 3 & 4 of the Safeguarding Policy)

#### **Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation**

(See Sections 9, 10 & 11 of the Safeguarding Policy)

#### **Care pastorally for victims / survivors of abuse and other affected persons**

(See Section 11 of the Safeguarding Policy)

#### **Respond to those who may pose a safeguarding risk to other people**

(See Section 13 of the Safeguarding Policy)

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Trinity Methodist Church appoint Colin Lewis as Church Safeguarding Officer

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