

**DIOCESE OF HEREFORD  
PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S POLICY STATEMENT**

**The Burghill Group of Parishes, comprising:** The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burghill  
The Church of St Andrew, Moreton on Lugg  
The Church of St Peter, Pipe cum Lyde  
The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas

**The nominated Group Child Protection Representative is:** Tracey Tindale  
**Address:** 127 St Peter's Close  
Moreton on Lugg  
Hereford HR4 8DW

**Contact telephone numbers:** 01432 761178 or 07788 772748

**We are committed to:**

1. The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.
10. The PCC with the Child Protection Representative will review this policy annually, checking that all our procedures and activities involving children and young people are up to date.
11. We will review our insurance policy for those working with children ensuring we adopt the advice in the House of Bishops' Policy.

A copy of this Policy will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board alongside a child line poster .

The PCC has identified the following listed activities involving children and young people to which the House of Bishops Policy applies.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>
1.	Sunday Club	Sundays weekly*	Simpson Hall	Mrs Audrey Apperley
2.	Pathfinders	Sundays twice per month	Simpson Hall*	Dr Liz Donovan
3.	Messy Church	Ad Hoc	Simpson Hall	Revd Penny Littlewood
4.	Children's Workshops	Ad Hoc	All Churches	Revd Penny Littlewood
5.	"Experience ..." Events	Ad Hoc	Burghill & Stretton **	Revd Penny Littlewood

\* Not exclusively held in Simpson Hall. Some pre-planned outside venues sourced.

\*\* Held in conjunction with their Schools

Burghill                      Moreton on Lugg                      Pipe cum Lyde                      Stretton Sugwas

Signed:

Churchwarden 1: .....

Churchwarden 2: .....

Representative: Tracey Tindale ..... Date: .....