# Westfield Church Parish Child Protection Policy Statement

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| **Parish of ­­­­­St John the Baptist Westfield** **The following policy was agreed by the PCC of Westfield Church****at the meeting held on 10th October 2022** **As members of this PCC we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members, particularly the children and young people.** **We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community and, consequently, safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.** **We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops’ Child Protection Policy *‘Protecting All God’s Children, 2010*, and the diocesan procedures, which are based on the Children Act, and Government guidance “*Working together to Safeguard Children*”, both published in 2013.** **We will display in church the Workers Parish Guide, there will be copies available to take away. This contains useful information and advice for those working with children.** **We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers; volunteers and paid workers with children and young people. We will use the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person who is eligible.**  We will respond, without delay, to every concern made that a child or young person, for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed. We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community. **We will seek to ensure that any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse is offered support that meets their needs.** **We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.** **We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service, are up to date.****Our Church Safeguarding Representative is:** A picture containing person, wall, indoor, posing  Description automatically generated Photo of Safeguarding Officer**Name Cathy Williamson** **Address Cockmartins Farm, Westfield Lane, Westfield, TN35 4SB****Telephone number Home: 01424 754922 Mobile: 07765258012****Email address: cathymwilliamson@btinternet.com****Our CCPAS Lead Recruiter is: Cathy Williamson****Name/Signed………Sandi Wickens…………Incumbent** **Name/Signed………Dawn Archer……………Churchwarden Date 10th October 2022****Name/Signed………Kathy Darvill……………Churchwarden****A copy of this statement is to be displayed in the church and a copy sent to the Bishop’s Advisor for Safeguarding** |