

Parish of St. Leonard, Wortley
Within the Benefice of Tankersley, Wortley and Thurgoland
Safe Church Policy
Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted by the Parish of St. Leonard, Wortley within the United Benefice of Tankersley, Wortley and Thurgoland at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on **May 16th 2013**

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor progress achieved.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.
11. Bell Ringing Tower - All Wortley Bell Team Ringers of all ages will be strictly under the control of Wortley Bell Tower Captain Andrew Beevers or his authorised representative who will be responsible for ensuring that on arrival the names of all members of the group ascending the tower are registered, also for checking the safe departure of all members of that group.

This church appoints Mrs. Ann Campbell to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.