

## **Safeguarding Policy Statement for Tyldesley Independent Methodist Church.**

This statement is a revised version of the original policy statement agreed at the Church Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

It will be read annually at the Church Annual General Meeting, usually held in October, when matters relating to it will be monitored.

- The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children and adults at risk regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability and that this is the responsibility of the whole church.
- It is the duty of each church member to help prevent the abuse of children and adults at risk. It is also the responsibility of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and adults at risk. Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported in accordance with the church's Safeguarding Procedures.
- The church will exercise proper care in the resourcing, training and supervision of those who work with children and adults at risk.
- The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults at risk. The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed annually, and any necessary revisions will be adopted into the policy and implemented through our procedures.
- Safeguarding contacts within our church – see appendix.
- Where possible, the Church Safeguarding Team will work together if and when issues arise. However, each person has a responsibility to report allegations of abuse as soon as they are raised in accordance with the church's Safeguarding Procedures.
- A copy of the Safeguarding Policy Statement will be displayed permanently on the church noticeboards and is available on the church website. The Policy Statement will be read annually at the church AGM, in conjunction with a report from the Designated Safeguarding Lead of the church.
- As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure we implement our policy well.