

## **Ecclesiastical Parish of Christchurch**

### **Health and Safety Policy**

The PCC is mindful of its responsibilities to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, employees, volunteers and visitors whilst in any of the Parish properties including its churches, associated buildings, grounds, the cafe, shop, rooms in Priory House, Old Stable Block and Property Office.

#### General Policy Statement

In furtherance of the above statement and need to ensure compliance with the relevant health and safety legislation the PCC will aim to achieve the following:

- A healthy working environment
- A safe means of access and egress for all persons who enter church premises
- Suitable and sufficient information, instruction and training to enable all to comply with the health and safety policy
- That the provision and maintenance of all plant and equipment will be safe and with minimal risk to health
- Volunteers and employees shall not work alone without considering that adequate backup and assistance can be summoned in an emergency
- Any high level work should only be undertaken by suitably trained persons

Any employees, volunteers and users of church premises are requested to be observant and comply with safety notices and to draw the attention of the Vicar, Churchwardens or PCC members to any safety concerns they may have. (If employees or volunteers they are also obliged to do this.)

The policy will be kept up to date, particularly in any changes to our buildings or activities. To ensure this, the policy and the way it has been operated will be reviewed regularly and appropriate changes made.

Signed

Vicar of Christchurch

Date

Review date: first PCC of each year, which will be April 2020.

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