

UNION STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, CREWE

Affirmation of Policy Statements for Safeguarding

Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults



This statement will be read annually at the Church AGM, where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults and will pray for them regularly.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional, financial and spiritual abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected. It is likewise the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise that work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults, and to provide supervision.
- The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice, Safe from Harm, and adopts its guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its booklet Safe to Grow. It is also committed to adopting the Baptist Union of Great Britain's Safe to Belong booklet (which is currently under review).
- Each worker with children, young people and vulnerable adults must know the appropriate recommendations, and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults, the church has appointed HELEN BIRTLES as Safeguarding Deacon, to oversee and monitor the implementation of the policy and procedures on behalf of the church's charity trustees and PAM BURTON as Designated Person for Safeguarding, to advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected. Their roles will be regularly explained to children, and their names and phone numbers publicly displayed.

Union Street Baptist Church (USBC) therefore seeks to welcome everyone into the life of the church, including children and young people and those who for whatever reason may be considered as vulnerable or marginalised. They are part of our church today. We will listen to them and respect their wishes and feelings.

We endorse these policies for another year.

Signed:(Minister)

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