The Church of England
Diocese of Ely

THE PARISH OF EAST LEIGHTONSTONE

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Parish of **East Leightonstone (Brampton, Grafham and Ellington)** is committed to safeguarding all those who attend the worship and other activities that we offer. We follow the House of Bishops' Policies 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010). **On 25th August 2020 the PCC adopted 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) as our own policy.** This can be found on the Safeguarding page of the Church of England website or by using this link:

https://www.churchofengland.org/media/17545

We promote safeguarding as everyone's responsibility.

Our core commitments are:

1. **Promoting a safer environment and culture**
   We will respect all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We are committed to their care and nurture, the provision of respectful pastoral ministry and establishing safer, caring communities which provide an environment of love where there is informed vigilance as to the risk of harm. Support will be given through training offered by the Diocese of Ely.

2. **Safely recruiting and supporting all those with responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church**
   We will select and vet all those with any responsibility related to children or vulnerable adults within the Church, in accordance with the Diocese of Ely Safeguarding policy and practice guidance. Support will be given through training offered by the Diocese of Ely.

3. **Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation**
   We will respond promptly to every concern raised which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed or be at risk of harm. All church workers will cooperate with the statutory authorities in their safeguarding work.

4. **Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons**
   We will endeavour to offer care and support to all those who have been abused, regardless of the type of abuse and when or where it occurred.

5. **Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons**
   We will endeavour to offer pastoral care to any member of our church community who is the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse.

6. **Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others**
   We will endeavour to offer pastoral care and support to any member of our church community who may present a known risk to a child, young person or adult.

Dates reviewed by PCC:

28th September 2021 **22nd November 2022** **14th November 2023** **19th November 2024**