

## **Safeguarding Statement**

King's Community Church Hatfield believes each person has a value and dignity which comes directly from God's creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

The Church is committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults and affirms that the needs of children or of people when they are vulnerable are paramount.

The Church recognises that none of us is invulnerable but that there is a particular care for those whose vulnerability is increased by situations, by disabilities or by reduction in capacities. It is recognised that this increased vulnerability may be temporary or permanent and may be visible or invisible.

The Church has a vision to have a continually growing work among children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Church Leadership takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults entrusted to its care.

As a Church Leadership we will support the Safeguarding Coordinator and Deputies in their roles, and accept that any information they may have in their possession will be shared in a strictly limited way on a need-to-know basis.

The Leadership is committed to:

- Listening to, relating effectively with and valuing children, young people and vulnerable adults whilst ensuring their protection within Church activities.
- Supporting, encouraging and resourcing those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults, and to provide supervision of their work.
- Encouraging and supporting parents/carers.

If you would like to see and discuss the full safeguarding policies, please email [childrensandyouthworker.kcc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensandyouthworker.kcc@gmail.com) or [kcchatfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kcchatfield@hotmail.co.uk).