

HALLAM DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Safe Practice in the Use of Images of Children and Young People Involved in Church Activities

This Church is committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people and follows the safe practice guidance in the recording and use of images of children and young people. This Church adheres to the following principles;

- Where there are community and celebrations or parish events, notice will be given in advance by the relevant leader or Parish Priest that many parents will wish to take photographs and/or photographers may be present.
- Consent for the taking of photographs must be given.
- If you take group photographs, which exclude a particular child due to the withdrawal of parents/carers consent, care must be taken to ensure this is managed sensitively.
- Consent must always be obtained for any publication of any images of a child or young person and in the publication of those images no personal or identifying details will be provided.
- Any concerns about any aspect of photographing or recording of children and young people should be reported immediately to the event leader or Parish Priest.
- Any incidences of inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Safeguarding Coordinator and will be dealt with by appropriate liaison with the relevant professional bodies.

Where professional photographers are used:

- ◆ A clear brief will be given to the professional photographer outlining expectations of conduct and behaviour.
- ◆ The photographer will carry identification.
- ◆ There will be no one to one photo sessions at events.
- ◆ The Church will not approve any photo sessions outside of these agreed activities.
- ◆ Consent to the taking of photographs by an external professional photographer will be obtained in advance.
- ◆ Consent to the display of photographs will be obtained in the normal manner.

