



**Appendix A**

**Policy Statement: Protection of Adults at Risk**

This Statement will be presented each year to the church Annual General Meeting where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

1. As members of this church we commit ourselves to the safeguarding of adults at risk and ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
2. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, psychological, sexual, financial/material, discriminatory, organisational abuse and domestic violence, modern slavery, neglect/acts of omission and self-neglect of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
3. We are dedicated to provide pastoral care and support of those who have experienced abuse.
4. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who work with adults who may be at risk.
5. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
6. The church adopts the guidelines of Cambridgeshire Adult Services and the Baptist Union of Great Britain (published in *Safe to Belong 2015*).
7. Each person who works with adults will agree to abide by these recommendations and the policy and procedures established by this church.

**Helen Thatcher** is the Designated Person for Safeguarding Adults and is responsible for representing the concerns and views of adults at risk at our meetings and to outside organisations.

**Lucy Thatcher** is the Deacon for Safeguarding. She also is the person to contact for any concerns or questions regarding the protection of adults at risk.

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