**St Andrew’s Church, Bromley**

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT**

 **St Andrew’s Church, Bromley is committed to:**

* + the care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all

 children, young people and adults

* + the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and
	+ best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse

**Compliance with The Protection of Children Act 1999 and**

**Protection of Vulnerable Adults**

Concerning the hire of our halls and any church buildings, the Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children comply with the provisions of The Protection of Children Act 1999, The Children Act 1989 and any other relevant legislation together with any conditions required by Social Services and that only fit and proper persons have access to the children. The Hirer shall ensure that the children are protected at all times by taking all reasonable steps to prevent injury, loss or damage occurring and by ensuring all necessary Child Protection and DBS checks have been undertaken. It is the responsibility of the Hirer to ensure the protection of any vulnerable adults using the Halls. The PCC accepts no responsibility for the Hirer’s failure to comply with these requirements. By signing the Hire agreement, the hirer takes full responsibility for the safeguarding of all persons using the Halls for their event.

**Where it becomes apparent that any individual, or their dependents are at imminent and serious risk of harm or injury, the police should be called immediately to deal with the matter.**

**The Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ms Cushla Brennan e-mail: cushla\_brennan@hotmail.com Tel: 07961 718761 or 020 8857 9356

Rev’d Dr Julie Bowen: Vicar

On behalf of the Church Wardens and PCC

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