The Parish of High Downs

The United Churches of:

St. Mary, Eastling; St. Michael and All Angels, Throwley and St. Mary, Stalisfield

High Downs
In Christ all things made New

Volunteer Safeguarding Agreement

Church: _____

Name of Volunteer: _____

Role / Activity: _____

Dear (Name of Volunteer)

Thank you for offering your valued time and skills to support the life and work of our church, which is greatly appreciated.

As a volunteer, whether helping with cleaning, flower arranging, gardening, refreshments, maintenance, or another practical activity, we are required to ensure that you are and all others are safe and well supported within the church environment and ask for your co-operation in supporting the Church of England's commitment to safeguarding.

The Church of England's policy **"Promoting a Safer Church"** sets out the principles and expectations for creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, particularly children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

By signing this agreement, I confirm that:

- I understand that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone within the church community.
- I have been made aware of the parish's safeguarding arrangements and understand who to speak to if I have a safeguarding concern.
- I will conduct myself appropriately and treat everyone with dignity, respect and care.
- I will follow the Church of England's safeguarding policies, procedures and guidance that apply to my role and have been given a copy of **'The Code of Safer Working Practice'** which I have read, understood and will follow.
- I am willing to undertake the basic safeguarding training required for my role and to complete any further training that may subsequently be required.
- I understand that, where appropriate, the parish may need to carry out the relevant safer recruitment and safeguarding checks before or during my volunteering.

- I understand that I may be asked to attend a **periodic review** as part of the Parish's **Safer Recruitment and People Management Policy**, to ensure that my role, training and safeguarding responsibilities remain appropriate and I feel fully supported in my role as a volunteer.

- I understand that I should raise any safeguarding concern, or anything that causes me to feel that myself or someone else may be at risk of harm or abuse whilst at work, with the Parish Safeguarding Officer or other appropriate person **without delay.**

- I will co-operate with all safeguarding procedures and requirements connected with my voluntary role and be happy to forward my contact details for safe keeping at the church office. All information given that is held within the church is protected under current GDPR regulations. I can confirm that I have received a copy of the church's Privacy Notice.

I understand that this agreement does not create a contract of employment and that I am undertaking this role as a volunteer.

Declaration

I confirm that I have read and understood the above and am willing to support the Church of England's commitment to **"Promoting a Safer Church"** and to undertake the safeguarding training and review arrangements appropriate to my role.

Volunteer

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signed on behalf of the Parish:

Name: _____

Signed:_____

Date: _____

Parish Safeguarding Officer : Call 07979 864000

Parish Priest: Revd. Paula Jardine-Rose. Call 07516 411269