# REVELATION CHURCH

# SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

The church is committed to providing services for children, families, and adults of the highest quality. We recognise that children play a key role in the life of the church and value the unique contributions that each child brings to the church family. We value family and commit to working to support all families in our church in a way that meets individual needs within the context of scripture. We recognise that the welfare of all children and adults is paramount and have set out the following policies and procedures to ensure that we maintain a quality of provision that ensures that we protect all to the best of our ability.

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- Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.
- We accept and endorse the principles set out in thirtyone:eight's <u>Ten Standards Framework</u> to make our
  environment safer all. Thirtyone:eight are an independent Christian charity providing support, advice and
  training on all areas of safeguarding best practice, of whom we are members.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those
  working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of
  Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and
  Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, or is at risk of harm, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

A full copy of the Revelation Church Safeguarding Policy can be requested by emailing: <a href="mailto:info@revelationchurch.org.uk">info@revelationchurch.org.uk</a>

# **SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

We have appointed Lauren Crawley as the Safeguarding Officer and Jen Tuson as the Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

If you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult please speak to Lauren or Jen in the first instance, or approach the leadership team if they are unavailable.

## **SAFEGUARDING LINKS**

Safeguarding officer: Lauren Crawley - <a href="mailto:safeguarding@revelationchurch.org.uk">safeguarding@revelationchurch.org.uk</a> Safeguarding Trustee: Malcolm Kyte - <a href="mailto:mail

If you would prefer to speak with someone outside the church, please contact thirtyone:eight on their helpline: 0303 003 11 11

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