

## **General Statement of Health & Safety Policy**

Our policy, so far as is reasonably practicable, is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all our employees, casual labour and voluntary helpers, and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose.

We will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors and others who may visit the church, churchyard and any associated buildings.

The allocation of duties for safety matters and the particular arrangements, which we will make to implement the policy, are set out below.

The policy will be kept up to date, particularly in the light of any changes to our buildings or activities. To ensure this, the policy and the way in which it has operated will be reviewed regularly and the appropriate changes made.

A procedure for reporting health and safety matters has been established and levels of urgency for addressing issues has been established.

In order to ensure that health and safety matters are kept constantly under review, an item on health and safety will be on the agenda for all meetings of the Parochial Church Council, and sub committees, where they exist, and employees and voluntary workers will be consulted on a regular basis in order to seek their views on health and safety matters.

Responsibility on behalf of the PCC lies with the Health and Safety Officer, on a day to day basis. This is the Verger (at time of writing, Richard Beckingsale).

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Next review date: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_