

**St Jude's Church and Safeguarding**

Any lets/booking/users where children and/or vulnerable adults will be present MUST complete the following Diocese of Exeter 'Users of Church Premises' statement

Organisations which hire or use church premises for work with these groups MUST also have a full Safeguarding Policy of their own, and MUST provide a full copy of this to the Church before the booking commences.

**USERS OF CHURCH PREMISES**

**To be completed where children and/or vulnerable adults are present as part of the using/hiring group:**

Name of Parish/Church: . . . . . St Jude's, Plymouth. . . . .

Date & Time of event: . . . . .

Type of event: . . . . .

Please complete **either** section 1 **or** 2

**1. Organisations**

*Organisations who hire church premises for work with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults should complete the following statement:*

The organisation . . . . . confirms that in all its activities with children (aged 0 – 17) and/or vulnerable adults it will comply with all current safeguarding legislation<sup>1</sup> and government guidance.<sup>2</sup>

We have our own child and/or vulnerable adults safeguarding policy and procedures (a copy of which will be given to the parish) and confirm that all those who staff our activities on these premises understand and have agreed to follow them and have been safely recruited with a Disclosure & Barring Service check where the role is eligible.

We understand that the parish accepts no responsibility or liability for our failure to comply with the above requirements.

Signed . . . . . (on behalf of the organisation)

Date . . . . .

**2. Private Individuals**

*Private individuals hiring church premises for the purpose of ad-hoc or personal invitation events at which children and/or vulnerable adults will be present should complete the following statement:*

I . . . . . (in block capitals) agree to take full responsibility for the welfare of the children, young people and/or vulnerable adults who attend the event on the above date and will take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

We understand that the parish accepts no responsibility or liability for our failure to comply with the above requirement.

Signed . . . . .

Date . . . . .

1 e.g. Children Act 2004, Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, Care Act 2014

2 e.g. Working Together to Safeguard Children (Department for Children, Schools and Families, March 2015), and What to do if you're worried a child is being abused (Department for Education and Skills, 2015)

