



Baildon  
Methodist  
Church

# Promoting a safer church

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy summary

### Our commitments

- treat everybody with respect and dignity;
- promote a safe environment and culture;
- practice safe recruitment and safe working practices<sup>1</sup>
- be aware and informed about safeguarding;
- respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation;
- care pastorally for the victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons;
- respond appropriately where there is an immediate risk.

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in activities at this Church is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of this Church and this includes those who manage or attend activities at this Church.

### Local contacts to speak to if you have concerns

#### **Peter Jackson**

Baildon Methodist Church  
Safeguarding Co-ordinator  
contact via Team Ministry

#### **Rev Nick Blundell**

Local Complaints Officer  
contact via Team Ministry

**Team Ministry**  
**0845 606 0844**

### Hire or use of church premises by others

- A hiring body (i.e. an organisation hiring our premises) is required to ensure that children and adults who may be vulnerable are protected at all times, by taking all reasonable steps to prevent injury, illness, loss or damage occurring, and have full liability insurance for this<sup>2</sup>.
- The hiring body should abide by their own child protection or safeguarding policy if they have one, otherwise by that of the church<sup>3</sup>.

1 <https://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/safe-update-3-1110-childrenandyoungpeople.pdf>.

2 Public liability insurance required unless the room booking agreement says otherwise

3 See BMC website