

# Child Protection Policy Statement

.....**Stoke Baptist**.....**Church**

## ***Policy statement on children, young people and the church***

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on .....**8th July, 2018**.....

It will be read annually at the church meeting held in the month of .....**May**..... where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent all forms of abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or volunteer.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people, and to providing supervision.
- The church is committed to following current legislation and government guidance and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its publication *Safe to Grow* (revised edition).
- Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations, and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church’s agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed **Susan Redshaw**..... and (where applicable)..... **Leonora Wade**.....to be their Designated Person.

Their role will be regularly explained to children, and their name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) publicly displayed.