Safeguarding Policy Statement

In accordance with the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy, 'Promoting a Safer Church'

Sunderland Minster is committed to:

• Promoting a safer environment and culture.

• The safer recruitment and ongoing support and management of all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.

• Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.

• Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.

• Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

• Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

Sunderland Minster will:

• Continue to create a safer and more caring place for all people.

• Appoint a Minster Safeguarding Advisor (CSA) to work with the PCC Safeguarding Committee and Canon Provost to implement policy and procedures.

• Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.

• Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the Minster.

• Display across the Minster premises' and on the Minster website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.

• Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.

• Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.

• Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.

• Care for and monitor any who relate to, and spend time in, the Minster who may pose a

risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

• Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.

• Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

The Canon Provost of Sunderland Minster appoints:

Graeme Jobes – Minster Safeguarding Officer

End of Statement