



# the Company of Servers

## **Policy for the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults**

The Company of Servers is committed to the nurture, protection and safekeeping of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

It is the responsibility of all members to do their best to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any abuse alleged or suspected.

The Company is committed to following diocesan and national child protection guidelines and legislation, especially with regard to CRB 'Enhanced Disclosure.'

The Company strongly advises that at least one person in each Chapter be trained in Child Protection in accordance with their diocesan guidelines and be aware of the document 'Protecting all God's Children: the Child Protection Policy for the Church of England 3<sup>rd</sup> edition' published by Church House.

The Company strongly advises that diocesan and other professional advice should be sought at the earliest opportunity on any issue surrounding the care and safety of any child, young person and vulnerable adult. Where a companion feels the matter should be referred to the Central Committee, the Chaplain General should be the first point of contact.

### ***GOOD PRACTICE***

Children, young people and vulnerable adults attending Company meetings or events should be accompanied by a recognised responsible person, if they are not accompanied by a parent / carer.

- Parents / carers should give written permission for children and young people to be involved in Company events and activities locally and nationally.
- Where travel to events is involved any child, young person or vulnerable adult should be accompanied by two responsible persons.
- Anyone known to be a risk to children, young people or vulnerable adults should not be allowed to attend events where children, young people or vulnerable adults are present. The Company recommends seeking advice from diocesan officers or the police where this issue arises.

There should be no unsupervised contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults on a one-to-one basis.