<u>Parish Child Protection Policy</u> <u>Parish of St Mary with St Alban, Teddington, Middlesex.</u>

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the following Policy on Child Protection at its meeting held on 9th May 2006.

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, especially our children and young people.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.

We accept and endorse the principles of the Children Act 1989 and the House of Bishops' Policy Statement (1999)

We undertake to exercise proper care in both the selection and appointment, and the support, of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer.

We wish to support parents and carers who have responsibility for bringing up children.

We have appointed Mrs. Esther Hammond as our Children's Advocate, as described in the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines.

Copies of the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines are held by Mrs. Esther Hammond and The Vicar.

The PCC shall review this policy annually at the first meeting held following the Annual Church Meeting.

Signed -

Vicar

Churchwarden

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Dated - 30th September 2012