

Polegate Free Church Health and Safety Statement

Polegate Free Church, as the employer of the staff who work in the church (including volunteers), recognises and accepts its responsibility for providing a safe and healthy environment for the staff, and for volunteers, visitors and contractors who come on to their premises.

Polegate Free Church will take reasonable steps to fulfil these responsibilities within the framework of ***the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974*** and ***the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999***, as well as those other Regulations, Approved Codes of Practice, Guidance, etc. made under this legislation.

Polegate Free Church will ensure that appropriate policies are in place and kept up-to-date.

To this end, Polegate Free Church, when required, will procure the services of appropriate health and safety consultants to advise the Church on all related matters and to provide the Church with up-to-date information in relation to its health and safety responsibilities. The responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Church Meeting.

Each member of staff at Polegate Church must recognise that, under the Act, they have a personal responsibility for their own safety as well as for the safety of anyone who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. They also must co-operate, as far as is necessary, with their employer in fulfilling its duties under the Act and supporting legislation as well as under Polegate Free Church's Health and Safety Policy.

The organisation and arrangements through which Polegate Free Church aims to fulfil the requirements are set out in their policy and its appendices.

Polegate Free Church will provide sufficient resources to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable that staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors are kept healthy and safe.

It is a requirement that all members of staff read the Health and Safety Policy and its appendices, and sign that they have done so.

Signed: _____

Date:

On behalf of the Polegate Free Church

Signed: _____

Date:

Secretary to Polegate Free Church