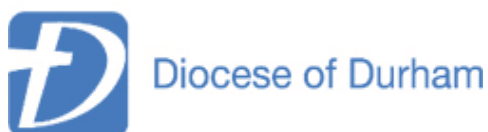
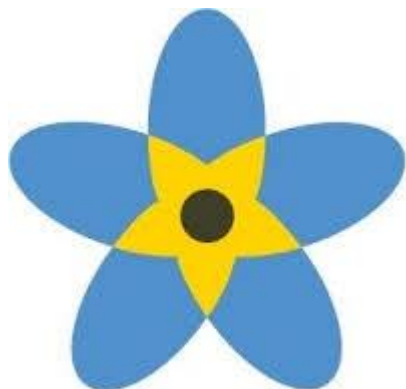


## Whitburn Parish Church: Safeguarding, Disability, Dementia and Hard of hearing



- Whitburn Parish Church adheres to Durham Diocese Safeguarding Guidance. The PCC and community of Whitburn Parish Church are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children, young people and vulnerable adults within its church community. In this respect we share the commitment stated in the House of Bishops' 'principles on child protection policy' and we recognise our responsibilities towards all children and young people with whom we have contact. Whitburn Parish Church PCC and community will follow the guidance of the Diocese of Durham in adhering to the strictest practice of confidentiality, except where this is over-ridden by considerations of a child's welfare or safety. **All concerns regarding safeguarding will be made first to the church wardens who will then consult the parish safeguarding officer or directly to Beth Miller, Child protection adviser (mobile: 07968034075).**



We at Whitburn have become a dementia-friendly church.

After a well-attended training programme, we adapted our building and our practices to ensure that those with dementia or dementia related -conditions would feel secure and safe in our church environment.

Why not come along to see for yourself? See our service times or contact Lorraine Hood our Parish Assistant on 0758503251 to arrange a visit.



Not every disability is visible and we at Whitburn Parish Church are mindful of this. From disability access to and within the church to our Dementia-friendly approaches and our use of the Loop System for those who are hard of hearing we aim to welcome and keep safe all members of our community.

We are not complacent however, and we welcome advice on how to improve the provision and experience within our church.

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