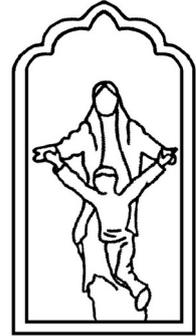


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The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Ringmer

Registered Charity No 1131869

Risk Management Policy

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1 **Definition**

- 1.1 Risk management is the process of making and carrying out decisions that will minimise the adverse effect of problems and accidental losses upon our church.

2 **Purpose**

- 2.1 The risk management process is vital to the personal health and safety of volunteers and employees, and the safety of the public. In financial terms, it is vital to our ability to pursue our goals, commence and operate programs, and to perform duties in an efficient and professional manner.

3 **Types of risk**

- 3.1 **Financial** risk.

This is monitored by the PCC under the guidance of the PCC Treasurer. With regard to ensuring that no tax evasion or avoidance take place: We do not settle any bills by cash and any payments made have to be approved by two people both of whom have access to the relative invoice/paperwork. (See also the PCC's Finance Policy.)

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3.2 **Reputational** risk

3.2.1 The reputation of the church is monitored by the PCC under the guidance of the Vicar and Churchwardens.

3.3 **Health and safety** risk

3.3.1 The PCC has a Health and Safety Policy that is monitored by the PCC under the guidance of the Parish Health and Safety Officer.

4 **Risk management**

4.1 The PCC will have responsibility for ensuring it appropriately develops, implements, monitors, evaluates and revises plans to manage risks associated in the conduct of the church.

5 **Risk awareness**

5.1 Cooperation is needed, and expected, from all members and users of our church, church hall and surroundings. Only by working as a team with common goals and objectives can we ensure the success of this risk management programme.

5.2 Any member of the PCC (or wider church community) who identifies a potentially unacceptable risk relating to any aspect of church activity, should promptly raise the matter with the PCC Secretary (or relevant officer named in section 3 above) so it can be appropriately considered and addressed in the appropriate revision of the Health and Safety Policy

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