

# Parish of St John and St Luke

## Risk Assessment and Management for Recurrent Episodic Illness.

This guidance aims to assess the risk, and promote good management of any member of the congregation suffering from a known or pre-existing illness - with the aim being to balance compassion with safety.

The Parish of St John and St Luke PCC reserves the right to amend or replace this guidance in line with individuals' circumstances and situation management needs.

If the PCC feels that they are unable to provide adequate care, they reserve the right to seek advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and / or the Archdeacon.

This guidance will be reviewed by the PCC on a regular basis.

### Risk:

- The individual may injure themselves, or inadvertently, affect or injure another member of the congregation.

### Mitigation: PCC

- The Vicar and the PCC to be discreetly made aware of individual's attendance
- Establish a kind and gentle response plan assuming medical care first
- That all PCC members are familiar with the location of the wheelchair & blanket and identify a safe quiet sanctuary (west porch) for calm recovery
- That all PCC members are first aid trained.
- That all PCC members are familiar with the location of the first aid box & accident book
- That all PCC members are familiar with the location and use of the defibrillator
- That all PCC members are briefed about individuals that are covered by this guidance
- If deemed appropriate or serious injury occurs call 999 and ask for an Ambulance

### Mitigation: Individual

- If feeling unwell individuals are advise not attend church but encouraged to request a personal Home visit from the vicar ([mthr.mitzi@clayhillparish.org](mailto:mthr.mitzi@clayhillparish.org) / 0208 363 6055)
- If anticipating a Recurrent Episodic Illness or feeling unwell whilst at church let someone know as soon as possible.
- We are all responsible for our own personal Health and Safety whilst on the church premises. For example taking care near heaters, candles, hot drinks, children, crowded areas, steps, etc.

#### Note:

- Recurrent Episodic Illness is a chronic health condition characterised by alternating periods of wellness and acute flare-ups.
- A person being unwell on many occasions is a potential safeguarding issue, particularly if there is a pattern, no clear diagnosis, or if the individual has care and support needs.