

Newcomers Policy.

We welcome all who come to our services. For those who begin to attend this church regularly, it is our policy to encourage a few months of settling in to see if this is the right place to make a church home.

If a new attender has moved from another church, and wishes to become involved in helping with or leading church activities, a letter from a previous minister will be sought, and a meeting with the Vicar arranged. With regard to children's work and pastoral care, we follow Diocesan CRB guidelines. We reserve the right to take up *additional* references and to keep an initial probationary period of 6 months.

If a new attender has just begun attending church as part of their faith journey, they will be encouraged to attend an explorers course before they go on to any other church involvement.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our child protection policy and other related policies.