

# All Saints' Church, Marple

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Child Protection Coordinator

All Saints' Parish Office

155 Church Lane

Marple

SK6 7LD

August 23, 2010

Dear (name of referee)

(name of volunteer) has offered to work in a voluntary capacity as a helper within the children's and youth groups at All Saints' Church, Marple and has given me your name as a referee.

The Diocesan guidelines state that the welfare of children is paramount, and they require parishes to enquire into the background of those working with children in the church.

Please fill in the enclosed form, and return it to me. If you have any queries, or you wish to speak to me, you may contact me through the church office at any time.

You and I will recognise that these are sensitive matters. But it is now standard for questions like these to be asked of everyone who works with children and young people, whether in a paid or unpaid capacity. Your answers will be treated in utmost confidence.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your help.

Yours sincerely

Philip Alston

Child Protection Coordinator

Parish of All Saints' Church, Marple

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## PARISH – All Saints' Church, Marple

Reference Form for Candidates applying to work with Children and Young People

**Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post applied for:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in this form to the best of your ability and return it to the Parish Child Protection Coordinator. If you have any questions please feel free to telephone the

Coordinator.

1. How long have you known the candidate?

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2. Please describe any previous experience of looking after or working with children or young people that the candidate has. In your opinion, would the candidate be willing to undertake training within the first twelve months?

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3. Does the candidate demonstrate an ability to provide warm and consistent care and a knowledge of appropriate boundaries / behaviour?

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4. Does the candidate demonstrate a commitment to treat all children and young people as individuals and with equal concern?

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5. Is the candidate a person of integrity and flexibility, whose physical and emotional well-being are appropriate for the service he or she is offering?

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6. To your knowledge, has the candidate ever been convicted of a criminal offence (including any "spent convictions" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974), or placed on probation, or discharged absolutely or conditionally for a criminal offence?

Yes  No

7. To your knowledge, has the candidate ever had a child removed from her / his custody or placed under supervision by a Local Authority?

Yes  No

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8. To your knowledge, has the candidate's conduct ever caused or been likely to cause harm to a child, or put a child at risk, or (to your knowledge), has it ever been alleged that her / his conduct has resulted in any of these things?  **Yes**  **No**

If the answer to any of the questions 6 to 8 is Yes, please give details.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee's name, address and telephone number:

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N.B. Please return this form to the Parish Coordinator for Child Protection

Address:

Child Protection Coordinator (Private and Confidential)

155 Church Lane

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