

# Beeston Methodist Church

## Guidelines for the Mentoring of Young People

*As the people of the Methodist Church we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to safeguard all members of the church community of all ages. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

Beeston Methodist Church acknowledges the stresses some of our young people are faced with in their lives and feel it is part of our pastoral duty to offer support. This is achieved in many ways throughout BMC one of which is to offer a mentoring relationship with the young person.

When entering into a mentoring relationship with a young person both parties must abide by the following guidelines.

- When meeting in a one to one situation always choose a public place and ensure that someone is aware that you are meeting with the young person.
- Always ensure that the young person's parent/guardian are aware of where they are.
- Agree a time scale for any meetings.
- Agree confidentiality rules before any meeting, including what information may have to be shared with others and agree who the information will be shared with and why.
- Before offering prayer with the young person agree guidelines with the Ministerial Team