

Safeguarding Report for APCM 2022.

Introduction

Safeguarding is in place to ensure the protection and care of children, young adults and vulnerable people in our church. As part of the Diocese of St.Albans and led by the Church of England, we have adopted the Safer Church policy which enables all those visiting our services to feel safe in the knowledge that they can be included in our activities. In accordance with Diocese guidelines our safeguarding policy is prominently displayed on our website as well as on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

How do we do it?

- Awareness – By adopting the Safer Churches policy, notices have been displayed complete with contact details for our Safeguarding officer, should any problems arise
- Obligation – Safeguarding is a statutory component of the monthly PCC meetings where it can be reviewed and discussed.
- Training – In accordance with Dioceses Training newsletter we have rolled out required training courses for all those working or involved with children, young adults and vulnerable people. These training course are assigned individually and completed online in accordance with the requirements of the Safeguarding Policy and include all PCC members, Church wardens and sidesmen.
- DBS Checks , these have also been carried out on all required individuals

Performance

We have seen a good completion rate of required training course thus far.

Actions

- Follow up on Parish Safeguarding Action Plan to ensure that all required steps are completed

Regards

Paula Sawers

Safeguarding Officer, St.Mary's Woburn

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