

Safeguarding Report for APCM 2023

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. And in accordance with Diocese guidelines our safeguarding policy is prominently displayed on our church website as well as on the church noticeboard.

How do we do it?

- Awareness – By adopting the Safer Churches policy, we have displayed this policy clearly at the back of church, 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 launched required training courses for all those working or involved with children, young adults and vulnerable people. Those training course are assigned individually and completed online in accordance with the requirements of the Safeguarding Policy Including all PCC member, Church wardens and sidemen
- DBS Checks , DBS checks have also been carried out on all required individuals

Performance

We have a good completion rate of required training courses and process is ongoing .

Actions

- Follow up on Parish Safeguarding Action Plan to ensure that all required steps are completed.
- The Diocese of St.Albans has just issued a new Safeguarding newsletter and will follow up and ensure that all training and DBS's are done for all new volunteers.
- Safeguarding office to attend the new monthly ZOOM drop in.

Regards

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