

## **Safeguarding Report 2021 Report to APCM April 2022**

The Parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and to supporting those who have been victims of abuse, as well as those who may present a risk to others. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). The PCC have adopted all the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance, as well as "Promoting a Safer Church" (child protection and vulnerable adults policy) and the Domestic Abuse statement, at their meeting on 15th March 2021. The latter two documents are displayed in the Link Way.

We have a Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead Recruiter and an Assistant Recruiter. Those who work with vulnerable groups in the Parish are recruited in accordance with the Practice Guidance Safer Recruitment July 2021. DBS checks are renewed every five years and all those who have been safely recruited and all members of the PCC, have undertaken the appropriate safeguarding training within the last 3 years.

Contact details for those wishing to obtain advice, raise any concerns or make referrals to the statutory authorities are in the Best Practice Guidance leaflets in the Choir Vestry, Link Way and Bell Tower. Names of those approved to work with children are displayed in the Choir Vestry and Bell Tower. Safeguarding information is displayed in the Porch and on the church website.

There is adequate insurance cover for all activities involving children or adults undertaken in the name of the Parish. There has been [number] issues of safeguarding concern reported during 2021. These matters have been dealt with according to the relevant safeguarding policies and guidance by the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Vicar and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Parish Safeguarding Officer  
February 2022