

# **Safeguarding Report for APCM – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

My appointment to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) took place as from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 with guidance and mentoring in the role from our former PSO, Vivian Bower. The PCC gratefully thanks Vivian for all his endeavours in this role over many years.

## **Safeguarding Incidents or Expressions of Concern**

There have been no safeguarding incidents or expressions of concern since the last report to the APCM in October 2020 and there have been none in 2021 to date.

## **Safeguarding Quality Assurance**

As this is formally the report for 2020, it is appropriate to note again (as reported to the delayed APCM in October last year) that the Diocesan Safeguarding Team awarded the Parish with its certificate of completion of the SQP quality assurance requirements for a parish of our size at its review on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## **Safer People**

### **DBS Clearances:**

One newest member of the PCC is currently undertaking the DBS clearance procedure. All other renewals are up to date.

### **Training**

Safeguarding Training in the Diocese is:

Basic Awareness (C0), Foundation (C1) and Leadership (C2)

During the Covid 19 restrictions, the Leadership course is being delivered by attending two webinars and completion of a workbook. As a new Parish Safeguarding Officer, I completed this training on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The Diocesan Team have advised that a Churchwardens Handbook is being produced with the full range of tasks and responsibilities along with those relating to safeguarding. Churchwardens will no longer need to do the Leadership training but must keep up to date the Foundation training which David and Jonathan are currently undertaking. Where parents and guardians are in attendance, ie Little Warblers, it has been advised that the leadership course is no longer required by the team coordinator.

## **Safer Activities**

Due to ongoing changes to Covid 19 guidelines, risk assessments are in place for use of the church during Sunday services. In addition to that, a risk assessment has been produced for the start of the Warbleton Singers who will be rehearsing in the church. Similarly, assessments are being developed for use of the church rooms by Little Warblers (planning to start on 22<sup>nd</sup> June), Sunday Club (start date to be confirmed), the WarbleArt group and youth club (TCWNN) (start date to be confirmed).

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