

APCM 29 May 2022 St Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton

Safeguarding Report

It is now a requirement that there is a report on Safeguarding at the APCM

Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at PCC.

Other Safeguarding meetings have taken place on both a scheduled and by need basis.

St Bartholomew's Church is working in line with Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

PCCs are formally obliged to report to the APCMs on whether or not the PCC 'has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).'

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Charlotte Rayner who is also DBS Recruiter and Verifier.

The Safeguarding Policy was adopted by the PCC at their meeting on 27 January 2022. Churchwardens are aware of their particular safeguarding responsibilities.

The Parish Dashboard system is being used by the PSO and the incumbent to check that Safeguarding procedures are being followed and to create Actions Plans. Currently we are working through the Level 1 tasks.

PCC members have all achieved the Basic Awareness Learning Pathway.

Charlotte Rayner has also completed the Core Leadership Pathway as well as the Additional Domestic Abuse Pathway. She needs to renew her Core Foundation Pathway and complete the Additional Safer Recruitment and People Management Pathway.

Safeguarding concerns have been shared with the PSO on 5 occasions this year and referrals have been made to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team as well as contact with the relevant agencies for support and protection of those concerned.

Next steps is for application of the Safer Recruitment practices when recruiting roles whether paid or voluntary within the church and to move to Level 2 of the Parish Dashboard.

"Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility"

Charlotte Rayner

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