

APCM 10 May 2026 St Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton

Safeguarding Report 2025

St Bartholomew's Church is working in line with Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at PCC. Other Safeguarding meetings have taken place on both a scheduled and by need basis

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Charlotte Rayner who is also DBS Recruiter and Verifier. Reverend Oliver Petter is a DBS Verifier. In August 2025, the Diocese recommended a change of provider for these checks and implemented a temporary arrangement for the remainder of the year while a new provider was identified.

The Safeguarding Policy was adopted by the PCC at their meeting on 3 July 2025. Churchwardens are aware of their 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 3 tasks.

All who are required to do so are provided with the information required to complete the necessary training as required by the Church of England. Where training is not yet completed, reminders are sent and further support offered. Records are kept of training done and completion of DBS checks.

All safeguarding issued or concerns that were reported in 2025 were dealt with according to our Policy and Procedures, and where necessary reported onto the Diocese Safeguarding Team.

Work is currently taking place to complete all aspects of Safer Recruitment, including role descriptions.

What is very clear is that at St Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton, the language of Safeguarding is one that is spoken and understood by all and is underpinning the ongoing activities with children and vulnerable people. As PSO, I am very grateful to all volunteers who willingly comply with the requirements of the role that they have taken on unpaid and in their own time.

Charlotte Rayner,

Parish Safeguarding Officer

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