

St Michael's Safeguarding Report 2026

St Michael'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 take place on a 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 Caroline Waugh 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 23rd February 2026. 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.

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 are dealt with according to our Policy and Procedures, and where necessary reported onto the Diocese Safeguarding Team.