

Safeguarding report APCM 26.04.23

Christ Church Bradford on Avon

The PCC of Christ Church Bradford on Avon has complied with the duty to have “due regard” to the House of Bishops’ guidance in relation to safeguarding. It is the desire of the PCC of Christ Church that that everyone who is involved in the worship and life of the church can experience the love and acceptance of Christ in a way that guards everyone’s right to be safe.

The PCC has appointed Verity Andriopoulou as the Parish Safeguarding Representative for Christ Church, however everyone in our church community has a safeguarding responsibility and knowing how to respond to a safeguarding disclosure means that we can be vigilant to the risks that might cause someone to be vulnerable or to be taken advantage of. If you have a safeguarding concern or wish to ask for advice regarding someone’s safety we encourage you to pass this on to the Benefice clergy or PSR. The concern will be recorded and, if necessary, passed on the Diocese Safeguarding Officer. Historical concerns that may not have been appropriately dealt with in the past can also be reported.

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE SAFETY OF A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT YOU CAN CALL 999. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERON CONCERNED TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER INTO THE INCIDENT OR CONCERN. THE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO REPORT THE CONCERN TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON.

The safeguarding policy and flow chart for Christ Church has recently been reviewed and verified by the PCC and is displayed in church. Anyone wishing to volunteer or help out in the church need to contact Rev Tessa Mann or the Parish Safeguarding Representative so that we can put in place the safer recruiting measures and ensure that Christ Church’s safeguarding records are kept up to date. Thank you to volunteers and post holders at Christ Church who have updated their safeguarding training and DBS status.

The Benefice team of Safeguarding representatives have continued to meet with Rev Ann Keating every couple of months to ensure we are complying with good practice and to make sure that we are aware of the safeguarding status of volunteers and post holders in our churches.

All members of the churches in the Benefice need to follow The Diocese safer recruiting guidelines, including the recruiting of volunteers for roles in the church. Salisbury Diocese has a Safeguarding Microsite database which specifies roles in the Church and the level of safeguarding training required for those roles. The aim is that Church administrators and safeguarding representatives will be able to add the names of parishioners and details of the role/roles they carry out to this database, the system will then automatically issue a request for that person to carry out training and, if necessary, initiate a DBS check.

The Diocese Safeguarding site has been improved and links to training are easier to find; as illustrated below.

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Here you'll find advice, information, and resources to help parishes understand how to achieve the best possible standards of safeguarding, and signposting for those who may wish to access support.



Contact our Safeguarding Team for advice or support:

