



Church of St Andrew
Serving Sonning, Charvil & Sonning Eye

Parish Safeguarding Policy

The following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 18th March 2019

1. We are committed to:
 - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults
 - The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
 - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.
4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
6. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
7. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
8. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.

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10. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

The PCC has adopted the model Parish Safeguarding Policy from the Diocese of Oxford.

The PCC has a policy on recruitment and follows the safer recruitment advice for paid and volunteer roles.

The Church of England C1 Safeguarding training course was offered to all volunteers in house on the 12th January 2019 and the C2S1 course, for those that required it, on the 23rd March 2019.

There were no safeguarding allegations or concerns reported in 2018.

Our Safeguarding Officer(s) is/are:

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Date : 18 March 2019

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