

## **Safeguarding report to APCM April 2023**

The Parish of St Peter's Shipley takes our collective responsibility for safeguarding those most vulnerable in our community seriously. Safeguarding policy is the responsibility of the PCC and appears as an item on every PCC agenda.

All policies in relation to Safeguarding children and Vulnerable adults used in the Parish are those of the Diocese of Leeds and Church of England. Details of these are displayed on the main noticeboards at the entry to church.

Safeguarding training at most levels is now available online via the Diocesan website. The Vicar and PCC appreciate the diligence of those who have undertaken this in a timely manner demonstrating their understanding of the importance of safeguarding as a collective responsibility.

It is our hope in the coming months that DBS and Safer Recruitment administration can be greatly accelerated with the introduction of Microsoft 365 in the Church Office.

The Church of England has launched the **Parish Dashboard**, which is a tool to help us easily identify who needs what training. This is in the process of being updated, so anyone who completes training must let the PSO know.

### **Training undertaken by myself as PSO in the past year**

Basic Safeguarding Awareness (March 2023)

Foundations in Safeguarding (Sept 2022)

Safeguarding Leadership Pathway Training (March 2023)

Safer Recruitment and People Management (July 2022)

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training (Sept 2022)

PSO Modern Slavery and Safeguarding (Sept 2022)

This past year the Vicar, Staff team and Parish Safeguarding Officer have worked with statutory and voluntary agencies (as required) with support from the Diocese (as necessary) to manage safeguarding concerns and ensure appropriate support for all individuals involved.

Please remember - **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility** – please be aware of anyone you might consider to be a vulnerable individual, and do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the staff team or vicar, if you have any concern whatsoever.

Thanks are due to Mike Moss, Rachel McGirr and Julie Rainer for their work as DBS checkers, and to Kerry Milwain for handling the administration of both DBS and Safer Recruitment in the Office.

Moving forward:

- Safeguarding will continue to appear on every PCC agenda even when there is nothing to report
- if you need DBS clearance for any volunteer role, please ensure that it is up to date
- Work is under way in the parish to ensure compliance with Safer Recruitment.

- I would like to request that those who have not yet completed the required training for their volunteer or paid posts should do so at the earliest opportunity. Please note that this may have changed or been updated recently : it is essential that your compliance is up to date.

Frances Vose

(Parish Safeguarding Officer)