

Safeguarding report to APCM 2024

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.

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.

The Church of England has launched the **Parish Dashboard and Hub**, which is a tool to help us easily identify who needs what training. Anyone who completes training must let the PSO know. My thanks go to Jenni Reid, our administrator, and Mark Jordan for all their help in getting us up and running on the these systems.

Thanks are due to Mike Moss for his administration of the DBS system.

All volunteers in our church must do some degree of safeguarding training, depending on their level of role, and most need a DBS check. Myself and the team are constantly working to ensuring all these are completed, and volunteers are encouraged to ask myself if they need to know what they have to complete. We take the training of all our volunteers at St Peter's (of which there are very many in our busy church) very seriously, as it is essential to safeguarding our young people and vulnerable adults in our church and the community we serve.

Safeguarding training at most levels is now available online via the Diocesan website. The 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.

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

Frances Vose

(Parish Safeguarding Officer)