

Safeguarding report for 2017 to APCM Burpham Church

Safeguarding Officers

Eleri Knight and Ann Wigmore have continued to jointly hold the post of Safeguarding Officer. We provide advice and also can seek further advice if there are situations where this is needed. We aim to keep up to date with new policy and liaise regularly with the diocesan safeguarding team.

Adoption of national policies

We are implementing national safeguarding policy as it is announced. Over the last two or three years there has been a lot of new national guidance. This is passed to parishes by the local diocesan safeguarding team with advice about how to implement it. As local safeguarding officers along with the vicars we aim to implement it in Burpham Church.

As the administrative load has increased we are delighted that Lisa Scott has provided much needed support and is maintaining our records. Confidential data is held within the parish according to the current rules.

Risk assessments are carried out for activities and records kept appropriately.

Training

Eleri and Ann attended the diocesan safeguarding training day in March. A general safeguarding training evening was held in November in the parish for all relevant and interested people- this was run by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jane Huttly, and about 30 people attended.

Approved leaders and helpers

With the help of Lisa we are able to continue ensure all helpers and leaders are correctly approved for their roles both for work with children and adults. DBS checks are carried out where necessary.

Plans for 2018

We anticipate further change in guidance and will implement this as and when we are advised to by the diocesan team. We will ensure all our records are compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) rules when they come in force.

Legal accountability for safeguarding rests with the PCC and incumbent. Papers will be presented to the PCC for adoption of the safeguarding policy. PCC members will be encouraged to complete the new online safeguarding training modules if they have not attended training.

Ann Wigmore

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