

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – April 2021

Safeguarding Report

The care and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all.

The Parish of All Souls Warwickshire and those parishioners who undertake roles within the work of the church which bring them in to contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults take their responsibilities seriously and undertake the necessary awareness training and checks.

Below is a brief outline of activities which have been undertaken in the last 12 months.

Safeguarding Training Delivery during COVID-19 - Update

There are two volunteers who require to update their training this year.

All face-to-face training has been suspended until August 2021 when the Diocese will review its position in line with government guidance in force at that time. The Basic Awareness and Foundation Safeguarding Modules are available online at:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Any role that is required to complete these modules must continue to do so at renewal (every three years) or as soon as possible after taking up their new role.

There was no annual Safeguarding Co-ordinators Day in 2021 due to COVID restrictions, though plans are in place to hold one on 5 February 2022. However what has been organised is a Safeguarding Networking Zoom Event for Safeguarding Officers in the Deanery. For the Polesworth Deanery this will be held on 11 May 2021, the aim of the event is to allow safeguarding colleagues to meet together and build relationships, receive an update from the deanery team on safeguarding policy/safer recruitment and training. I have booked a place and will update the PCC on any information I receive.

DBS Register

Currently there is 1 person who needs to complete a renewal DBS check. During the Interregnum I was appointed as Parish Verifier in order that DBS checks could be kept up to date during this period, once Rev Joanne Dyer is installed this may change depending on where she wants to role to sit going forward.

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