

Safeguarding Report 2025 for APCM

Introduction

1. St Jude's Church wants to create a safe and welcoming place for everyone, with particular care being given to the safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We take safeguarding very seriously and have adopted the National Safeguarding Standards.

2. The PCC are responsible for ensuring we maintain our safeguarding standards and they have safeguarding as a standing agenda item at all their meetings. The PCC also carry out an annual review of safeguarding policies and procedures in November of each year.

Safeguarding incidents

3. There have been no safeguarding incidents to report in 2025.

Use of the 'Parish Safeguarding Dashboard'

4. We continue to use the Church of England online 'Parish Safeguarding Dashboard' to help us implement and monitor safeguarding procedures. This ensures that we:

- Adopt and review safeguarding policies and procedures, including safer recruitment and management of people
- Specify, recruit and train people to key safeguarding roles
- Create DBS and training requirements for all church roles that require them and ensure people are suitably checked and trained for their role
- Clearly display safeguarding information and contact details of people and organisations who can be contacted with any safeguarding concerns

Safeguarding training activity in 2025

5. Nearly 50 people in the church family volunteer in roles which require either a DBS check or online safeguarding training, or both, to be undertaken. During this year 9 DBS checks were carried out and 30 online training courses were completed.

Safeguarding Roles

6. The following people have designated roles:

The Parish Safeguarding Officer – Mr Ian Turner

DBS Evidence Checker – Mrs Kathy Butler

And finally....

7. Safeguarding is at the forefront of our values as a church, seeking to create a culture where all are safe and able to flourish. Please remember that safeguarding is *everyone's* responsibility. Thank you for helping to making this happen.

If you have any concern about the safety of a child, young person or adult, bring it to the attention of the activity leader or the Parish Safeguarding Officer, or call 999 if a child or adult is in immediate danger of significant or serious harm.

Ian Turner
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