

ST JOHN'S CHURCH WOODBRIDGE
SAFEGUARDING REPORT 16th MARCH 2021

Safeguarding is something we should all take seriously. Everyone at St John's should feel and be safe, at church, in the workplace and at home. It is our collective responsibility to look out for each other and to notice when something doesn't feel right, particularly where children, young people and vulnerable adults are concerned.

Every member of St John's can contribute to the life of the church in some way. It may be by serving on a team or using our gifts and talents wherever they are needed. If you are on one of our teams it is really useful to have done at least the Basic training. This year has been very different in that we haven't had much opportunity to actually be in church or to attend events, but several people have taken this opportunity to go online and complete the latest Safeguarding Training modules. They are simple to access and very informative, helping us to be aware of situations or signs where someone may need our support. If you would like to know more about this training, which is completely free of charge, please ask me and I can point you in the right direction.

This year:

- I have tried to ensure that any paid employee or volunteer at St John's has had a DBS check and completed the relevant Safeguarding training. If you think I have missed you, please get in touch.
- I have referred any concerns to the relevant authority and sought advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.
- I have attended an online forum for Parish Safeguarding Officers in the Diocese to share good practice and hear about the latest advice.
- I have supported the Parish Safeguarding Officer for Bredfield as he begins to understand the role.

There are three levels of Safeguarding training - Basic and Foundation, both online courses and Leadership which is normally a face-to-face course but which is being held on Zoom at present.

This year:

- 3 people completed the Basic online training
- 2 people completed the Foundation online training
- 3 people completed the Leadership training

Most importantly, if you are concerned about anything at all that may be a Safeguarding issue, however minor, it is vital that you contact me as soon as possible. My contact details are on the church website and are also displayed in church, the Old Vicarage and the church hall.

Lyn Spall