

## SAFEGUARDING AT ST JOHN'S 2021-2022

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. This is called Safeguarding.

Lyn Spall is the Safeguarding Officer for St John's and Claire Marshall is Assistant Safeguarding Officer. Part of our role is to support people with up to date Safeguarding Training. This should help give you the confidence you need to know when something is a Safeguarding issue and how to deal with it.

This training should be updated every three years. The Diocese has implemented 3 modules - Basic, Foundation and Leadership. Anyone who serves in the life of the church can do the Basic course as it explains well what signs to look out for and what you should do if you are concerned about an individual. The Foundation course follows on from this and is useful as it goes into more depth. It should be completed if you are working with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Those in main leadership roles in the church should do the Leadership course, which is held as a Zoom on-line meeting and requires two Zoom sessions as well as some written homework.

This year I have carried out DBS checks for 10 individuals at St John's. These are for people working with children or vulnerable adults to ensure they are police checked and safe to work with these groups.

This year I am pleased to say that the following courses have been completed:

Basic Training - 28 people  
Foundation Training - 9 people  
Leadership Training - 2 people

If you would like to complete the training and have not been asked to do so please speak to either myself or Claire Marshall and we can give you the relevant links so you can do this on your computer at home, or one of us will be happy to sit with you to do the course.

For all other Safeguarding procedures put in place this year, we have now completed Level 2 of the Diocesan requirements and the PCC has approved the church Safeguarding Policies and Practices.

Thank you to everyone who has been willing to complete the training this year. We are doing really well as a church but must never become complacent as Safeguarding should be embedded in all we do.

Lyn Spall and Claire Marshall