

Safeguarding Annual Report for 2019

The PCC adopted the Church of England 'Promoting a Safer Church Policy Statement', House of Bishop's and the supporting diocesan safeguarding protocols at the first PCC meeting after the APCM in 2019 and Eleri Knight and Ann Wigmore were formally appointed to continue as the two Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs). Ann Wigmore was co-opted to the PCC as the designated PCC member for safeguarding. Safeguarding is a standing item at all PCC meetings to ensure PCC members are kept up to date.

The church took part in all safeguarding audits from the Diocese. Apart from a few gaps in the training required by individuals the results were satisfactory. The church has continued to ensure all volunteers are appropriately trained and this was helped by the provision of several online training modules for those who were struggling to get to face to face training. There are approximately 50 volunteers within Burpham Church who require various training modules and correct recruitment. This number continually fluctuates as people join and step down.

The parish safeguarding officers provide support and advice to all leaders especially those involved in working with children and young people. Advice is sought, as appropriate, from the diocese.

The parish safeguarding officers work with the vicars and others involved in the appointment of employed staff to ensure all are recruited with correct regard to safeguarding and that they are appropriately trained in safeguarding for their roles.

In conclusion, the PCC monitors progress and regularly discusses safeguarding ensuring that the principles underpin all activities and all people attending the church are kept as safe as possible by following the local and national guidance.