

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

The Parish Safeguarding Policy, in accordance with the House of Bishops Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding Policy statement, will be reviewed and ratified at the first meeting of the new PCC in June.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all face to face Diocesan Safeguarding training stopped, but has been available online. This has been accessed by members of the congregation, whose roles require them to undertake this mandated training.

The Church of England wants to hear from victims and survivors as it carries out a full review of past safeguarding cases. Victims and survivors of church related abuse are invited to take part in a major review that has been commissioned nationally by the Church of England across the country. The Diocese of Guildford wants to hear from you, to listen and learn from your experiences.

Risk Assessments have been undertaken for church activities as deemed necessary. The Covid 19 pandemic has raised the awareness and significance of completing risk assessments to ensure that the church and the church rooms remain Covid secure. These risk assessments are reviewed and updated regularly.

During the Covid 19 pandemic the incidences of Domestic Abuse have increased. The Government launched Ask for ANI (action needed immediately). A codeword scheme, to access immediate help from the police, or other support services, from the safety of local pharmacies. The Church of England has been active in promoting this life saving scheme.

During this past year due to the Government Restrictions the Sunday Club have not been able to meet face to face. They have however met weekly during term-time on Zoom. Significant planning was undertaken by Sally Harrison, Jane Giggs and Mary Campbell to ensure the safety of the children whilst using this form of media. On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank them for this work.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team has seen changes this past year. The team have welcomed Fran Pyatt who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer and Jackie Broadfoot has taken over as Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Jackie Broadfoot is available Mon – Thursday, Office Hours on 078918559387 or [Jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk)

Three DBS checks were carried out in 2020.

Report completed by Helen Sloan PSO on behalf of the PCC.