

Safeguarding Report for St Leonard's AGM May 2021

The Parish continues to follow the guidance set down in the Diocese Policy "Promoting a Safer Church."

Due to Covid 19 there has been very few church services and no activities involving children or vulnerable adults in the past 12 months.

We had a couple of individuals that needed to complete safeguarding training. With the problems around Covid 19 restrictions, the safeguarding courses had to be re planned and made accessible online. This did cause a slight delay to the individuals that required the training. Thankfully, I can say that this has now been completed.

The Diocese Safeguarding Team have also made changes to the DBS certificates. They are now only valid for 3 years instead of the previous 5 years on all new DBS checks.

As Parish Safeguarding Officer I have attended the Diocese Network meetings and have updated the PCC and Church Wardens with the information from these meetings. I have continued to use the online Parish Dashboard App to keep us up to date with all changes to Safeguarding.

Harry has very kindly updated our Church website with all the necessary contact information for Safeguarding to keep us inline with the current requirements.

A Safeguarding Notice Board is now in place and is located to the right of the exit doors so that this is clearly visible to all.

Finally I have to advise you all of my wish to stand down from this role. I have been the safeguarding officer for the last five years and I now feel it is time to give it up. I will stay in the role until a replacement is found but this will be for no more than 3 months from the AGM.

Thank you to everyone for supporting me in my role.

Sarah Eagle (Parish Safeguarding Officer)