



Annual Parochial Church Council Safeguarding Report for 2023.

Thank you for helping the Haldon Mission Community in its efforts to provide a safe worshipping community for parishioners, clergy and visitors to our churches.

We continue to strive for training compliance so that our trustees (PCC Members) and our worship leaders (i.e., organists) can lead us with confidence knowing that they have all the Safeguarding Awareness and tools to do so.

We are safely recruiting church and independent workers (administrator) by using the guidance provided to us in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. This includes obtaining DBS checks and managing recruitment and induction training.

The Parish Dashboard helps us to generate and maintain policies and processes to assist in our safeguarding mission. The newly added Safeguarding Hubs are an extension of the dashboard and its primary function is to assist parishes to meet the requirements of Safer Recruitment and People Management. Help is needed with the input of data to the hub for your parish. Please let me know if you would be prepared to help with this online activity.

As a community we have been involved in 3 significant outreach activities this past 6-12 months. These include the Open the Book School visits in Shaldon and Bishopsteignton and a Messy Church in Ideford. We have also been running a Pop-Up Café in St James Teignmouth. Thank you to all the volunteers who give time, effort and skills to these outreach opportunities. These activities require more robust safeguarding oversight and significant time has been spend to ensure that we are demonstrably compliant.

2023/24 will see continued focus on conducting Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all trustees of the church (PCC Members) and key workers or those who help on a regular basis with children's activities. Reg Lake (St Michaels) and Keith Hutchings (Bishopsteignton) are DBS Evidence Verifiers for their individual churches.

We continue to report situations/allegations of concern to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (SGO) and we regular seek their advice on many diverse matters. Please continue to report all SG concerns to me your clergy member.

Thank you for your kindness over this past year- and your continued support of the Haldon Mission Community.

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Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.