Safeguarding Report to All Saints Church Ilkley APCM - 28th April 2025

Introduction

As indicated on the church web site, All Saints (AS) take the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults seriously. Information on how to raise a concern are provided on the church website and displayed on the noticeboard in church. If you have any concerns about a safeguarding matter, please speak to me or a member of AS staff. My photo is displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Progress over the last year

There are now 65 members of AS who volunteer to support our children, young people and vulnerable adults, reflecting the breadth of church activities provided. It is encouraging that so many members of AS are committed to supporting our young people and vulnerable adults. AS volunteers recognise the importance of safeguarding and have undertaken DBS checks and training required in a timely manner.

Rachel Lickiss and Liz Taylor, as DBS Administrators, continue to provide great to support to me by facilitating DBS checks and providing reminders to volunteers to undertake the safeguarding training required.

From time-to-time safeguarding matters have arisen which require expert advice. The Diocesan safeguarding team have provided excellent and timely support when required. In addition, AS has close links with the local police, who have provided timely support and advice when required.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda for all PCC meetings and a safeguarding report has been provided to each meeting over the last year. Good progress has been made over the last year to address new Church of England safeguarding requirements and to monitor progress on on-going actions.

As a church we are committed to providing a safe environment and culture for our young people and vulnerable adults.

Safety Advice

From time to time, we may face situations where we feel uncomfortable with another person's behaviour, for example being approached by someone you don't know in or around church asking for money, or they may be acting in a way you find uncomfortable. We would encourage you not to approach the person, but instead seek help from a member of staff, myself or a church warden. If you are alone, we would encourage you not to try and engage with the person but instead seek help.

Charlotte Jarvis, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Electoral Roll Report to All Saints Church Ilkley APCM - 28th April 2025

At the 2024 APCM the electoral roll for All Saints, Ilkley had 223 names on it.

This year the roll was completely renewed, something that happens every six years. Only those who specifically applied to be on the new electoral roll have been included. This year's roll has 164 names on it with 20 people on the electoral roll for the first time.

There are 79 people whose names were on the 2024 electoral roll who are not on the 2025 electoral roll. There are several reasons for this that include that they had died, that they have moved away, or that they have started attending a different church.

Rachel Lickiss, Electoral Roll Officer