

Safeguarding

We take our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all those with whom the church comes into contact very seriously. To ensure this we:

1. Have safeguarding policies for Adults at Risk and Children and Young People. All the policies are reviewed annually.
2. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every PCC meeting. All churchwardens and other PCC members are DBS checked and all PCC members have undertaken safeguarding training.
3. All those working with adults at risk or children and young people complete the relevant training and DBS checks.
4. Records are kept of all those who have applied for Disclosure and Barring Scheme clearance and this is renewed every 5 years in line with Diocesan policy.
5. Anyone in a leadership role or working with Adults at Risk or Children & Young people is expected to undertake Safeguarding Awareness training, at the appropriate level. Records are kept and refresher training is undertaken every 3 years.
6. The name of the safeguarding officer in the church is displayed in the church porch and the safeguarding policy is placed at the back of the church for scrutiny where needed.

If you have any concerns the following agencies may be contacted:

Concerns about Children – Devon MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) – [0345 155 1071](tel:03451551071)

Concerns about Adults – Devon – Care Direct – [0345 155 1007](tel:03451551007)

Domestic Abuse – Devon helpline for professionals and individuals – [0345 155 1074](tel:03451551074)

Rape Crisis – Devon – [0808 802 9999](tel:08088029999)

As a church, we are committed to being safe and welcoming to all.