



# Holy Trinity Sunningdale Church and Community

## Sharing God's Love

To live by faith, to be known by love, to be a light of hope



**APCM annual Safeguarding report April 2025 (covering Jan 24 to Jan 25)**

**(prepared by Parish Safeguarding Officer on behalf of the PCC)**

**Holy Trinity Sunningdale PCC is committed to:**

- The care, nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children and all adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse
- Providing training and support to all of our volunteers and employees, to ensure they feel confident and valued in their role
- Complying with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy and Practice guidance in relation to Safeguarding
- Following all Safer Recruitment processes in relation to recruiting volunteers

We continue to be guided by the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese of Oxford, who in turn work by the principles of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

Work is constantly ongoing to ensure our safeguarding practices and procedures are transparent and accessible, our volunteers are trained to the level required of their role and that Safeguarding contact details and relevant safeguarding information are readily available.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer would like to thank all of our volunteers who kindly give up their time to complete DBS checks and keep up to date with training.

**Current Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Becky Meadows

**Summary as of April 2025 (for calendar year 2024)**

- We ran a Safeguarding Foundation training session in October 2024 and will shortly be providing an updated Awareness of Domestic Abuse training session.
- We continue to follow Safer Recruitment guidelines when taking on new volunteers and ensure that our current volunteers and Church Officers have up to date DBS checks and Safeguarding training.
- We continue to use the Parish Dashboard software system, which has been useful in helping us keep on track with our safeguarding requirements. We have achieved level 3 completion status on this platform which is the highest level available and indicates we are meeting all of our Safeguarding responsibilities.
- Our Parish Safeguarding Policies are up to date and are available to view on the Church noticeboard in the Porch, the Church office on request and on the Church website.
- We reviewed and updated all of our current Risk Assessments for all Church events in 2024, such as offsite Communion services, Children's groups, fundraising events etc.

- Safeguarding is a standing item at every PCC meeting and the PSO reports to the PCC on a regular basis, keeping all Trustees up to date with any activity or issues or anything of interest.
- Our plans for the year ahead are to run a Domestic Abuse Awareness training session with new content in the next few months, and to introduce a new Safer Recruitment software system, to make keeping track of DBS checks and training etc, more efficient and take everything online rather than keeping paper records.
- **No safeguarding incidents were reported in 2024.**