



# 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 2026 (for Jan 25 to Dec 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 and the PCC would like to thank all of our volunteers who kindly give up their time to complete their DBS checks and keep up to date with training.

**Current Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Becky Meadows

**Summary as of April 2026 (for calendar year 2025)**

- Safeguarding Training has to be repeated every three years. All of our current volunteers are either up to date with their training or in the process of completing it. We ran two face to face 'Domestic Abuse Awareness' training sessions in Church last November - thank you to Dolapo for leading these.
- We put some DBS checks on hold during the later part of last year, due to a Data breach at the organisation we were using at the time. A new provider has since been found and we will be completing all outstanding checks as soon as possible over the next few weeks.
- We held our third annual Safeguarding Sunday in Church last November, the aim of which is to communicate the importance of Safeguarding and the structures we have in place to support it, and encourage us all to reflect on our Safeguarding journey within the context of the Church's mission.
- We continue to use the online Parish Dashboard system, a Safeguarding 'hub', which keeps us on track with meeting our safeguarding requirements. We have achieved level 3 completion status on this platform which is the highest level available.

- We have also started to use a new online Recruitment 'hub' where all of our volunteer roles are held and where we can more easily keep track of recruitment

requirements, DBS checks and training. The aim of introducing this is to move away from paper records and make the process more automated and efficient. My aim is to fully complete this move over the summer.

- Our Parish Safeguarding Policies are up to date and are available to view on the Church noticeboard in the Porch and on the Church website. Details of how to report an incident or concern are also on the website.
- Safeguarding is a standing item at every PCC meeting and I report to the PCC on a regular basis.
- **No safeguarding incidents were reported in 2025.**

**Safeguarding is an absolute priority at Holy Trinity. If you are concerned about anything at all to do with yourself or someone else, no matter how small you may think it may be, please do speak to myself, Rev. Jon or directly to the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese.**