

To: Safeguarding Coordinators
Licensed Clergy
PCC and DCC Secretaries

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Dear Colleague

Adopting the new Church of England Safeguarding Policy – Promoting a Safer Church

As you may be aware, a new Church of England Safeguarding Policy was introduced last year. The policy is called *Promoting a Safer Church* and was distributed to clergy and Safeguarding Coordinators in autumn 2017. (Please note that this new policy is not to be confused with *Promoting a Safe Church* which was previously the Church's policy for safeguarding adults.)

The question that many of you have been asking is how this new policy fits with the existing Child Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Adults Policy which parishes already have in place. I am therefore enclosing guidance about how to do that. Care has been taken to make this as simple as possible for you.

The following documents are enclosed/attached:

1. Safeguarding Guidance for Parishes – please **read this first** as it explains what to do with the other documents.
2. Promoting a Safer Church.
3. Key Roles and Responsibilities of Church Office Holders and Bodies Practice Guidance (pages 19-23 only – these pages cover 'The Parish Roles and Responsibilities').
4. Revised model Child Safeguarding Policy.
5. Revised model Safeguarding Adults Policy.
6. Revised template for Safeguarding Annual Report to PCC and Diocese

We anticipate that further safeguarding Practice Guidance will be issued in 2018 so the guidance issued with this letter represents an interim solution for a year or two. It should, however, help parishes to respond to the new policy without significant disruption.

Please contact the Safeguarding Team with any queries:

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Yours sincerely,



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