

**The Parishes of Long Buckby, Watford, West Haddon and Winwick:**

**Safeguarding Report to APCMs, 2020**

All four parishes in the Benefice have adopted the Diocese of Peterborough Safeguarding Policy: [www.stlawrences.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1535362501.pdf](http://www.stlawrences.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1535362501.pdf)

Several safeguarding concerns were investigated across the Benefice in 2019. These included a request from the Church of England that all historic records are checked to ensure that there are no unreported concerns (there were not).

All DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are up to date.

Parishes have given an undertaking to ensure that clergy, licensed workers and lay ministers, volunteers and employees working with children and vulnerable adults regularly seek and obtain safeguarding training to the level of their responsibility. Refresher training should be undertaken once every three years.

I have undertaken further training in the role of Recruiter via a webinar hosted by Thirtyone:Eight.

The Church of England issued a new Confidential Declaration Form at the start of 2020, which must be completed as part of the DBS process by all new applicants who will be working with children and/or vulnerable adults. This requirement applies to clergy, church employees and volunteers.

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