



# 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 2023**

**(prepared by Parish Safeguarding Officer)**

**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.

**Current Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Rebecca Meadows

#### **Summary as of April 2023 (for calendar year 2022)**

- We have provided Safeguarding training for many of our volunteers on the Pastoral team, including Foundation, Domestic Abuse Awareness, Leadership, and Safer Recruitment training. We are fortunate to have two 'in house' trainers, Dolapo Ogunbawo and Stephanie Hynard, who facilitated much of this training for us so that it could happen face to face rather than online.
- We continue to follow Safer Recruitment guidelines when taking on new volunteers.
- We continue to use the Parish Dashboard online system, which has been useful in helping us keep on track with our safeguarding requirements. We have achieved level 3 status on this platform, which is the highest level and demonstrates we are meeting most if not all of our Safeguarding administrative requirements.
- Our annually updated Parish Safeguarding Policies are due to be signed off by the PCC, they are available to view in the Church office on request and are also available on the Church website.
- In November 2022 we held our first 'Safeguarding Sunday' event during the 10am service, with an emphasis on the importance of Safeguarding in our Church community and what resources and information are available. This will become an annual event going forward.
- We reviewed and updated all of our current Risk Assessments for all events, communion services, gatherings etc held in the name of Church.
- **No safeguarding incidents were reported in 2022.**