

### **Safeguarding Report for the APCM 2024**

There have been no Safeguarding issues during 2024 although there is a potential concern that Revd. Ben and I are monitoring. As has been said a number of times, it is important that you report any concerns to one of us. It may seem like something small to you but it can build a picture for us if we hear from more than one person. And remember, safeguarding covers more than just abuse, although that is the headline issue.

Getting training details and getting it up to date has been a problem during 2024. It has become important that we are up to date with the issues going on in the wider church. We are under continuous scrutiny and we need to get this right. I am pleased to be able to report that the majority of the PCC are now up to date on training. Thank you for your support in doing this. During 2025 I will be looking at other roles within the church that may need awareness training. I will try to get an event held at the Church Institute to make this easier for all concerned. I will also be looking at who need DBS now that I am registered with them to initiate checks.

We did have an issue with a group checking our signage and websites but we have now brought this all up to date. Thank you Peter for dealing with the on-line information. If you see anywhere that you think we need to display posters, please let me know.

On a final note, thank you for your support on Safeguarding. Whilst Revd., Ben and myself are the named contacts we can't do this without your help.

Kathy Drakes