

Annual Safeguarding Report 2024

Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone. It is central to our mission and ministry and is integral in the Diocesan Vision which asks us to consider how to make our church communities healthier.

Holy Trinity Church has in place arrangements which include:

- Procedures to identify, respond to and report concerns
- Codes of safer practice
- Safer recruitment procedures

Safeguarding roles

The following people have Safeguarding roles at Holy Trinity Church:

- Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children and Young People - Mrs Angela Clark

We take advice from the Leeds Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

Carla Darbyshire – Team Leader - Safeguarding Adviser

Nikki Rose - Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Narinder Lyon– Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Jenney Laccardi – Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Alex Robertshaw-Seery Diocesan Safeguarding Training Officer

Safeguarding Policy

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.