Parish Safeguarding Officer – Vacancy

Our Parish is seeking a committed and compassionate person to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).
This vital role supports our mission to ensure that our church is a safe, welcoming, and nurturing place for all—especially children, young people, and adults at risk.

About the Role - The Parish Safeguarding Officer will:

- Act as the main point of contact for safeguarding concerns within the parish

- Work closely with clergy, lay ministers, and the PCC to promote a culture of safety and vigilance

- Work closely with the churchwardens to ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are implemented and reviewed regularly 0

- Support the safer recruitment process for volunteers and staff

- Maintain accurate safeguarding records in line with diocesan guidance

- Liaise with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team when concerns arise

- Help ensure all required training is completed by parish volunteers and leaders

About You - We are looking for someone who:

- Has a strong commitment to safeguarding and the wellbeing of others

- Is approachable, trustworthy, and able to handle sensitive information with discretion

- Has good organisational and communication skills

- Can work collaboratively with clergy, lay ministers, churchwardens, volunteers, and diocesan staff

- Is willing to undertake safeguarding training (full support provided)

Previous safeguarding experience is helpful, but not essential

Time Commitment - This is a voluntary role with flexible hours. Attendance at occasional PCC meetings may be required.

How to Apply - If you feel called to support the life of our parish in this important ministry, we would love to hear from you.
Please contact **the Parish Office/email southgillinghamparish@outlook.com** for an application pack or to discuss the role further. The closing date for applications Friday 17th April with interviews taking place on Friday 8th May 2026.