

Safeguarding

Policy

Our Wye Reaches benefice safeguarding policy, taken from Hereford Diocese, is available on our website to be download, or there is a copy in this file. It is entitled 'Promoting A Safer Church – The Church of England Safeguarding Policy for Children, Young People and Adults'. This policy is reviewed annually by the PCCs of all our churches.

In addition:

- We have a Benefice Safeguarding Officer in place across all our churches.
- Each of our churches display our two safeguarding posters outlining our – commitments and safeguarding policy.
- Safeguarding is discussed by each of our PCCs at every meeting.
- All volunteers who work with vulnerable children, young people and adults follow our 'safer recruitment and people management processes'.
- All clergy, Benefice Safeguarding Officer, PCC members and those who volunteer with vulnerable children, young people and adults are working towards having undertaken the necessary safeguarding training.
- Our Vicar and our Benefice Safeguarding Officer meet regularly to discuss safeguarding related matters.

If you are concerned

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from the Vicar, our Benefice Safeguarding Officer or Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser; these details are available on our website or in our church buildings.

If necessary, please report the matter to your Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police.

Rev Tim G J Starling
Vicar
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