

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

Safeguarding Report for the year 1st January – 31st December 2023

No safeguarding issues were raised at the parish church of St John the Baptist in 2023.

Dr Joan Reading is the contact for safeguarding issues in the benefice of Broadway and Wickhamford.

Dr Reading requested a meeting with members of the PCC of St Johns in 2023 to update the PCC on Diocesan requirements regarding Safeguarding. Ken Maden, Churchwarden and Jackie Knight, PCC secretary attended the meeting on 4/9/23 at St. Johns.

- Dr Reading is willing to fulfill the role of Safeguarding officer for St Johns.
- Each PCC must have a 'Safeguarding Dashboard' and fulfill its requirements.
- All members of the PCC must complete online training at Basic and Foundation level and the DBS Administrator must complete 'Safer Recruitment).
- Each PCC member must have DBS clearance every 3 years.
- 'Providing a Safer Church' policy must be held in every church.
- 'Providing a Safer Church' poster must be displayed in every church.
- A notice detailing the names of Safeguarding contacts and the DBS Administrator and how to see a copy of the 'Providing a Safer Church' policy must be displayed in every church.
- Safeguarding must be on the agenda of every PCC meeting. Dr Reading must be aware of every meeting to send any items to be discussed.

In response to these requirements:

- JK has accessed the Dashboard but does not have authority to update it.
- All members of the PCC have completed the online training required and Dr Reading has been informed.
- JK has contacted the Diocese office in regard to DBS without success.
- The policy is held in the vestry.
- The poster, with contacts listed, is displayed in the church, in the porch and behind the vestry door.
- Safeguarding is a standing Agenda item and JK has emailed Dr Reading before each PCC meeting for items to be discussed.

J S Knight

PCC Secretary