

Safeguarding and Inclusion Update

The Church of England is continuing its work to finalise its policy on Safeguarding and Inclusion for children and vulnerable people of all ages in Church and Church-related activities . The object is to identify and protect Church members against abuse in all its forms and to ensure that our churches are a safe and inclusive place for worship.

Our Churches in Compton , Peper Harow and Shackleford have now adopted the Diocese's recommendations to implement Safeguarding and Inclusion measures . Each PCC has a Safeguarding Representative (Sarah Baskerville for Compton and Drew Baker for Peper Harow and Shackleford) alongside Rev Caroline Burnett as our Safeguarding Lead. The diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Ian Berry, supports and advises us as required. Contact details are displayed in the Churches, included in the front pages of the Parish Magazine and on the website (www.comshackpep.co.uk). A Safeguarding Report is made at every PCC meeting.

While the above appointments in no way detract from the work of Pastoral Care providers, anyone may get in touch with us if they have any concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable people in a Church context.

The first stage of implementation recommended by the Diocese will be that all members of the PCC's will be asked to undertake basic Safeguarding training which we will hope to complete by the end of the year. Some other members of the congregation may also be asked to complete training. This is to raise awareness of issues which perhaps we tend to think "do not affect us".

More information can be found at either

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding-inclusion

<https://www.surreycommunitysafety.org.uk/community-safety-in-surrey>

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you would like to know more or have any concerns (details at the front of the Parish magazine).

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Drew Baker

Sarah Baskerville