



Safeguarding Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

The role of Safeguarding Coordinator at Emmanuel was a much quieter one over the last year with the church building being used infrequently and with youth and children's groups not meeting in person. However, there were still some safeguarding queries to be dealt with and DBS checks have been done as necessary for volunteers.

Safeguarding training has continued both for those doing it for the first time and for those who needed to renew their certificates. Training has all been online which has suited many people, but others have missed the face to face training which has been delivered at Emmanuel over recent years. There is now a Safeguarding Basic Awareness course which can be completed by any church members who would like to develop their understanding of Safeguarding. Again, this is online and can be accessed at any time. Other more detailed training is required for different roles within the church.

In October, I attended the Annual Safeguarding Coordinators Conference but this time it was via Zoom. It was disappointing not to be able to meet with other coordinators in person, to share what is happening in our parishes, but it was nevertheless a very worthwhile meeting. The topic, which the invited speaker covered, was Modern day Slavery. This was a subject which I didn't know a great deal about and I was surprised to find out how prevalent it is within the UK and Leicestershire.

Christine returned to her role as Director of Youth, Children and Young Families Ministry during the year and I would like to thank her for her continuing support.

Mandy Waldron

Safeguarding Coordinator