

Cranleigh and Bramley Parish Parish Safeguarding Report for AGM 2018/19

Firstly we would like to thank all the volunteers for the work they do for and on behalf of the Parish and for nurturing a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding is about attitudes and activities which promote the dignity, well-being and safety of those who participate in any activity facilitated by the Church and the Catholic Church in England and Wales is striving towards a culture of safeguarding.

In October 2019 we held a workshop in the parish room to provide an opportunity for everyone in the parish to explore what this means for our parish and how we can develop a culture of safeguarding locally.

The aims of the workshop were

- To raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding in our parish
- To work towards developing a culture of safeguarding in our parish
- To develop an understanding of the safer recruitment of volunteers process

Over 20 parishioners attended and participated in lively and informative debate around the values of openness, transparency, love, respect, responsibility, accountability, compassion, support, justice, integrity, honesty, humility, questioning, challenging, learning, and changing. Our challenge now is for everyone to continually embed these values this in our daily parish lives.

Father David, Tracy Karina and myself have met every 3 months to review our parish safeguarding processes. The Diocesan Safer Recruitment process is followed with all new volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults.

Over the past year we have continued to process new applications and renewals of DBS certificates. Thank you to all who have participated in this. We will be contacting volunteers over the next few months who require a renewal of their DBS certificate.

We are currently updating the safeguarding information on the parish website with information as to what to do if someone is concerned about a vulnerable individual or situation.

Training is an important element of delivering a culture of Safeguarding and it is the Church's expectation that all who work or volunteer with children, young people or vulnerable adults undertake the Diocesan Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training. This is open to everyone in the parish however all new volunteers should undertake the basic training within a year of taking up their role. The training is delivered on a deanery basis with each deanery holding one initial safeguarding session and one refresher session per annum. Refresher training is to be undertaken every 3 years. There is also online training for those unable to attend the face to face sessions.

Due to changes in personnel at the Diocesan Safeguarding Office last year only an initial training session was held. The next Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness training is taking place on April 21st in our parish room in Cranleigh 7 - 9 p.m. This has been advertised in our parish newsletter and we would encourage you to attend. If you would like to attend please notify Tracy at the parish office by 15th April.

Please contact Angela on 01483 277739, Karina on 01483 890695 or email the parish office at office@cpcb.org.uk if you would like advice about whether you require a DBS check or regarding any other safeguarding issues you may have.

Thank you again for all your support.

Angela Sargeant and Karina Ajayi
Parish Safeguarding Representatives