**Safeguarding Report 2023/24 for St Peter’s Chailey APCM**

Having completed my first full year as the Safeguarding lead for St Peter’s church, I am pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding concerns raised with me this year.

All DBS’s are up to date and all PCC members have completed their Basic and Foundation Level safeguarding training provided by the Diocese.

I am familiarizing myself with the SQP folder (Simple Quality Protects) which includes all the documents, risk assessments, processes and policies that the Diocese expects us to have in place/available.

One of my plans is to discuss with the PCC how we make all of you aware of any processes that you need to be aware of. I also want to look at how we are learning from any smaller incidents that occur that are not ‘Safeguarding’ issues, but might need us to take actions to make the environment physically safer. (With my Occupational Therapists hat on!!)

I will finish by reminding you all that Safeguarding is everyones business, not just mine. If you have any concerns about anything, please mention it. Things go wrong when we make assumptions that nothing could ever be amiss in a little congregation like ours. We can hope and pray that there are no issues but also need to not be complacent.

Thank you for all the support, especially to Mary-Jane who handed over the role but is still willing to help me every time I have a question.

Jane von der Becke

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