

Safeguarding Report for APCM

Our church safeguarding policy may be viewed by everyone. It is kept at the back of the church in the leaflet rack, and is clearly marked in red print

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HERTFORD

SAFER CHURCH

There are posters on the church notice board and in St John's Hall giving details of who to contact should a safeguarding problem arise. There are also posters giving details of ChildLine.

CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection and Advisory Service) is the agency we, and the diocese have used for DBS checking. The organisation changed its name recently to reflect that Safeguarding also concerns adults who may be at risk. They are now known as **ThirtyOne:Eight**. This is taken from Proverbs chapter 31 verse 8, "Speak out for those who cannot speak".

All Disclosure and Barring checks are carried out very securely online. The applications are usually processed quickly, in one recent case a positive result was sent back the same day. A paper certificate is issued to the successful applicant which is valid for five years.

St Albans Diocese provides safeguarding training for anyone needing it. The Diocesan Safeguarding Officers are always available for advice, or if a serious situation arises within a church setting.

I am stepping down as PSO this year, and I am very pleased that Shanti Gordon will be our new PSO from 1st May 2019.

Helen Wright
Parish Safeguarding Officer
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