

Safeguarding in 2020

“The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church”

Although the Church building was closed for public use for many weeks of this year, safeguarding has continued to be an important part of everything we do at St Luke’s.

- New members of staff have been recruited safely and DBS checks have been carried out.
- Angela, our Lead Recruiter, has continued to contact those who need to renew their training as C Zero and C1 modules are now online. A list of those waiting to update module C2 has been kept as the face to face training has been unavailable.
- The PCC have updated the list of those responsible for Health and Safety within St Luke’s.
- The PCC adopted updated versions of all our policies and guidance documents in July.
- Neil, our Youth Director, wrote a new policy about Zoom Meetings, to ensure our safety while meeting with those who are young and/or vulnerable. Every breakout room has a host; every young people’s meeting has two leaders. These leaders are the last to leave the Zoom meeting.
- Our church warden, Phil, has ensured that the re-opening of our building is consistent with all the government regulations by writing full risk assessments to mitigate any dangers of spreading the Co-vid 19 virus.
- Our new administrator, Beth, has paper and electronic copies of all our policies and guidance, should you need any assistance re-opening a church or community group held in St Luke’s building. Beth has devised a one way system through the corridors and the Office staff have provided sanitiser and wipes in many areas of the building.
- All the safeguarding procedures of St Luke’s groups which involve young people and/or vulnerable adults are recorded online, on the Parish Dashboard, to provide continuity and oversight by the Diocese. Our Diocese has already had its procedures inspected.
- The PCC is responsible for making a report to the Diocese each year for collation and submission to the Charity Commission.

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Safeguarding Officer