**SAFEGUARDING REPORT AGM 2024**

Safeguarding remains an integral focus at Christ Church, as we are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all, especially vulnerable individuals such as children and adults at risk of harm. This includes rigorous implementation of policies and procedures aimed at preventing and addressing incidents of abuse, exploitation, and neglect within our church community. We are grateful for the support of the European diocese in providing essential training programs and online courses, equipping our leaders and volunteers with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify signs of abuse, respond appropriately, and foster a secure environment for everyone. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all leaders and volunteers who have completed these courses, as their dedication plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and well-being of those under our care.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, it is necessary to announce my resignation from the role of Safeguarding Officer. While it has been an honour to serve in this capacity, I believe it is time for fresh perspectives and energies to drive our safeguarding initiatives forward. Rest assured, the safeguarding policies and procedures at Christ Church will continue to be regularly reviewed and updated to uphold their effectiveness and address any emerging risks or concerns. Furthermore, newly elected council members, group leaders, and volunteers will receive comprehensive training to ensure compliance with our safeguarding standards, thus sustaining a culture of safety and care within our church community.

Pam Deegan – Safeguarding Officer

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