

## **Safeguarding Report to the Annual Meeting of St Andrews Psalter Lane Church 11.05.2025**

There have been no problems to report regarding Safeguarding at SAPL in the last year. However there has been considerable activity both locally and nationally. At a national level, The Church of England has been shaken by revelations of failures in the response to safeguarding, resulting in the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. All of this points to the importance of having a proactive approach within every church community so that Safeguarding is seen not as a tick box duty but as a real contribution to attitudes and values within a church community. The challenge remains to make the Church a safe place. We never know who amongst our church community has a need to find the church a safe place. In that context the increasing focus on inclusion within the safeguarding remit is crucial. This has been a major focus of the Safeguarding team within the Methodist Church over the past year. At this point it is important to ask the Annual meeting to thank Janet Loughridge and Judith Loveman for their work of the past (many) years in maintaining the focus on safeguarding in the SAPL.