

## **Safeguarding Officer's Report for 2019.**

At present we have 16 people with DBS (formerly CRB) clearance. This number has reduced over the year due to a number of people surrendering their duties at Children's Church. Although this is disappointing, the majority of this group have given many years of service and it is fitting that we show our appreciation. Sadly, few have volunteered to replace them.

We have been diligent in our observation of Health and Safety measures, and the only major issue has been the access to the balcony at St. Anne's. This has now been resolved by restricting access unless arrangements have been made for use of this area.

Also, children are not allowed to enter the kitchens at either church, and at St. James' a gate has been fitted in the doorway.

Many of the rules which are in place may seem unnecessary, but some of the reports I receive prove how diligent we must be, especially in respect of the children and vulnerable adults who attend our churches.

Many people work hard to ensure we that have two safe churches. We must show thanks to them all.

Pat Heron.  
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