

Safeguarding

Abbey Clephane-Wilson's introduction

Thank you for inviting me to the service today where we think about safeguarding and the vision for the Diocese of Sodor and Man.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. It is at the heart of our church communities where we want people to feel safe, valued, heard and listened to. It is about creating environments where people feel they can raise concerns and know that any concerns they raise will be responded to appropriately and sensitively whilst ensuring support for all involved.

By way of introduction, my father is a non-stipendiary minister and I was brought up as part of a church community. My background is in social work and I have worked in the role of Safeguarding Officer for Manchester Diocese for 11 years supporting churches in promoting safer environments.

I am supported by a team at Manchester which includes, Kathryn Ford (Head of Safeguarding and Parish Engagement), Amanda Howard (Safeguarding Administrator), and Sammie Wright and Shonagh Montgomery (Case Workers).

We look forward to extending our safeguarding service to the Diocese of Sodor and Man and I look forward to working alongside Lisa to support her in continuing to develop your positive culture of safeguarding.

It is clear from my visits that the Diocese has a positive culture, which is evidenced through training, tea parties for the PSO's, and this service today.

I look forward to working with you in taking your vision forward.

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