

Health and Safety REPORT

The **Parochial Church Council** (PCC) has overall responsibility for Health and Safety. The PCC aims to ensure that all those who work for, worship in, or visit the church or the churchyard can do so as safely as is possible in the context of historic buildings.

The PCC uses its best efforts to:

- Provide safe buildings
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements and standards
- Provide for safe work equipment and safe methods of working
- Provide information and instruction for safe working to all involved in the work of the church, whether employees or volunteers

During the year, the primary focus for Health and Safety has been to ensure that all applicable Covid requirements have been met. The opening of the church for private prayer and re-opening for services have been carried out in line with the requirements for social distancing, cleaning, hand sanitising, wearing of facemasks and the keeping of attendance records. The re-opening of children's activities outdoors has also been carried out after a full risk assessment and taking the appropriate actions.

During Covid restrictions compliance with all measures has been observed or remedial action taken to protect our congregation.

All PAT testing and other safety requirements have been either done or scheduled to be done.

In March 2021 the PCC approved a new Health and Safety Policy which will be displayed on church premises and used as the foundation for new risk assessments as spaces open up.

It is intended that a designated individual should have specific responsibility for this policy and its implementation as the 'Health and Safety Officer', reporting to the PCC. Currently there is no-one in post since Ian Fitzgerald stepped down at the end of 2020. We thank him for all his service.

In the absence of a designated person the responsibility is currently assumed by the Churchwardens. However, we would encourage anyone in the church who would like to assist in this important role to speak to the Churchwardens or Revd. Paul.

Vanessa Sharman and John Bateup, Churchwardens

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