

## **Safeguarding Training for Young People**

### **From Glenys Armstrong, the Bath & Wells Diocesan Safeguarding Manager**

The National Church is still completing its work on engaging with young people, so we have had to create our own procedures.

Young people who are volunteering should have completed with their parents a “Young Helper” form or similar so that we have their details and parents consent for them to engage in the role. The form also identifies who is responsible for safeguarding them when they are at the church – for example the Tower Captain or Ringing Teacher.



Assuming they are over 13, they could complete the online Introductory Safeguarding Awareness training with their parent present. This helps both parent and child understand what is and isn't okay in the church setting. Young people over 16 can complete the training on their own if they are happy to do that. However, as they have no responsibility for safeguarding – it is the job of the adults around them to keep them safe – this is not a mandatory requirement.



Parents should also be given a copy of the “Information for Parents” leaflet which outlines how we do safeguarding in the church. Everyone in the Tower should also have completed the Safeguarding Awareness training, so we know that they understand how to safeguard children or vulnerable adults who they may come into contact with through ringing. The church has produced “A Safer Environment and Activities” which should be followed in every church setting.