**Safeguarding Team Update**

At the beginning of May, the Safeguarding Team will be undergoing staff changes as we say goodbye to colleagues who are moving on to new jobs. We are also starting a review to look at ways we can update and improve our structures to make better use of resources. During this transition period we will be doing all we can to provide support, but some things may take a little longer, so please do bear with us.

Sadly, this month we say goodbye to Helen Humphreys who has been part of the diocesan Safeguarding Team for 14 years. Helen is taking up a new post closer to home.

We also say a fond farewell to our administrator Sam Gunning who is taking on a new role.

Moving forwards our plan will be to look to recruit a full-time safeguarding coordinator, who can incorporate both the DBS support and training administration into their role as we look to modernise our administrative systems and improve our website and communications processes. Whilst we recruit for this role there is likely to be some disruption to the DBS process, however we will do all we can to support you during the period of vacancy.

* In order to enable the remaining staff to focus on their roles please can I ask that that DBS communications are sent to [Dbs.safeguarding@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:Dbs.safeguarding@bathwells.anglican.org) . We will have several staff supporting with DBS so this way all requests can be seen.
* In the short term we are training more support staff to help with this work, however the process may take a little longer.
* The delivery of training will not be impacted, but we would like to ask that requests for training be emailed to [Training.safeguarding@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:Training.safeguarding@bathwells.anglican.org) This will be checked weekly.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Best Wishes

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