

INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone,

My name is Barbara MacLaren and I have been a parishioner here at St Wilfrid's for the past 30+ years. I have been actively involved in parish life, organising reading rotas, showing up for parish courses, and trying to get better at BSL in mass! You'll usually see me and my husband Andrew at 4.30 mass.

Before I retired, I worked for Lancashire County Council designing and delivering Social Care training. Since 2003 I have been a Trustee for a national music charity, and was Chair for 4 years from 2017.

I have been an artist and musician all my life, and now add to those activities gardening.

Parish Safeguarding Representative ROLE

My role as a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) will involve looking after the wellbeing of the parish and its members in matters other than spiritual or theological needs. My main responsibilities as a PSR will include being available to listen to any concern you may have and promoting good and safe practices in all activities within the parish involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.

A CULTURE of SAFEGUARDING

As you all may be aware, we are embarking towards a culture of safeguarding where all should be safe from harm and abuse. Every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in the caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively.

To recreate a safe and nurturing environment, and deepen or rebuild trust, there needs to be a culture of:

- Openness and transparency
- Love and respect
- Responsibility and accountability
- Compassion and support
- Justice and integrity
- Honesty and humility
- Questioning and challenging
- Learning and changing

DBS check [formerly known as CRB]

Every volunteer who comes forward offering some of their time to get involved in any activities within the parish will have to go through a disclosure barring service also now known as DBS or previously known as CRB.

This ensures that those who work with vulnerable groups have been recruited on a fully informed basis. Anyone wishing to volunteer should talk to our Parish Administrator Chris Lloyd, or to me, or any other main representatives in the parish about their wish and the area of volunteering. I will then be the person to offer guidance when filling in the forms to move the application forward. Be prepared to wait for a few weeks for this process to be completed!

CONCLUSION & CONTACTS

Should the need arise please be aware that you can approach me in person, call me or email me without hesitation and you can find my details at the back of the newsletter every week, on the parish website, and on the Safeguarding poster located on the parish notice board.



Thank you very much and warm regards,

Barbara MacLaren

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