



Policy on bell ringing by children at Holy Trinity Church

Parish of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham



St Columba Church

Background

In the past, children at Holy Trinity rang the bell for 5 minutes before the Family Communion service on Sunday mornings. Since the bells were restored in 2015, this is once again a possibility and church members are eager for a return to the custom.

Safeguarding

In considering practical arrangements and procedures for children to ring the bell at Holy Trinity, the PCC recognises its responsibilities outlined in the Parish Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Procedures

1. Children should be pre-registered through the completion of :
 - a. An accompanying adult consent form for each child if appropriate; and
 - b. A "Registration Record for Activities" (or similar)
 - c. A register of attendance, in respect of children and supervisors
2. Training is to be given to children who will ring the bell
3. When a child rings the bell, their name is to be recorded in register kept in plastic wallet by bell ropes.
4. Children must be supervised at all times by no less than two adults, if not related to the supervisor
5. Supervisors must have DBS clearance and undertake Safeguarding training in line with Diocesan expectations and guidance from our Safeguarding Representative
6. Health and Safety procedures are to be followed
7. First aid is to be readily available

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