

Listed Activities – October 2025

A quote from the Parish dashboard for managing parish safeguarding:

"The Church Activities section of the Parish Dashboard relies on there being a complete list of church activities that:

Are organised primarily for children, young people or vulnerable adults; or

Include teaching, training, instructing, caring for, supervising or transporting children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The PCC must review this list annually."

The PCC has reviewed those parish activities that might fall within the definition above and has concluded there are two activities that should be listed. They are:

- **Open the Book**, and;
- **Pastoral Visiting**.

Two further activities were considered, the Holiday Club and the annual 'pilgrimage' from school to church. It was however decided these two activities need not be listed, for the following reasons:

Holiday Club: This is run primarily by the Methodists, even though members of the St Mary the Virgin take a major part in arranging and managing the activities. In all safeguarding matters (clearances and training), representatives of St Mary the Virgin are subject to the control of Methodist arrangements.

Pilgrimage: About once per year there is a 'pilgrimage' of children from the Silchester CofE School to St Mary the Virgin. Safeguarding arrangements are set up and managed by the school, with members of St Mary the Virgin playing no part in this aspect of the activity.

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