

Safeguarding and DBS requirements for those standing for Election or re-election as Church Warden.

Due to changes in national legislation and Policy and requirements notified by the national church to the diocese, it is now expected that those standing for election or re-election as church Wardens undertake an enhanced DBS check to work with adults and children. This is because under new requirements the Wardens role is considered to contain leadership and management duties that will likely bring them into contact with children and vulnerable adults.

As the time between election and commencement of duties for Wardens is often only a matter of days, the decision has been taken that all those intending to stand for Warden should make arrangements to apply for a DBS check using the job title of 'Candidate Warden', and listing in the description all the duties that would be associated should you be successful in election to this post. Due to the change in rules this will apply to wardens applying for re-election as well as brand new candidates to this position.

It should be noted that those who already have a church acquired and date valid enhanced DBS certificate (covering activity with children and adults), will not be required to obtain a new DBS check. If successful in election to the post of Warden you will be required to provide your DBS certificate number to your Archdeacon using the paperwork provided at Visitation. You will not be permitted to take up role and duties without this. We would recommend that those standing for the post of Warden commence the process of obtaining a DBS check if appropriate as soon as possible after making the decision to stand.