We can confirm that Sean McNally has been convicted of non-recent safeguarding offences related to St Peter's. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment on 30th September.

St Peter's Hersham and the Diocese of Guildford are committed to making our church a safer place for all and have taken all safeguarding steps available to us. But we can never be complacent.

It is reassuring that an outcome has been reached and the perpetrator convicted. This may help to provide some closure for those involved.

We would like to urge any victims or those with information to feel free to come forward knowing that they will be listened to in confidence and taken seriously. Or, if preferred, please make a direct approach to Surrey Police.

Should anyone have further information or need to discuss the personal impact of this news, you can ask to speak confidentially to one of the Diocese of Guildford's Authorised Listeners. Contact the Safeguarding team on safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk.