

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY/RISK ASSESSMENT –St Mary the Virgin Friston as at March 2025

Area - CHANCEL								
Uses / Potential hazards; <i>Communion /Candles</i>								
Hazard / Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood [1-3]	Severity [1-3]	Risk rating	Additional Controls required	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating
Fall on Chancel steps going to/from Communion	Supervision by sides person	1	2	Low	None			
Fire risk - candles	Vigilance of Wardens & Sidesman. Positioning of fire extinguishers	1	1	Low	None			
Hot candle wax burning hands	Sideman's Aide Memoire re extinguishing candles	1	1	Low	None			
Area - VESTRY								
Uses / Potential hazards <i>Robing/ Storage/boiler</i>								
Hazard / Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood [1-3]	Severity [1-3]	Risk rating	Additional Controls required	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating
Overcrowding of room	Warden's supervision	1	1	low	None			
Tripping -storage boxes etc	Steps taken by wardens to keep room as clear as possible	1	1	medium	None			
Fumes from boiler	Regular annual maintenance programme	1	3	medium	Installation of CO2 monitor	1	3	Low
Area - NAVE								
Uses / Potential hazards <i>Services/pulpit stairs/Slips trips falls/Falls from height</i>								
Hazard / Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood [1-3]	Severity [1-3]	Risk rating	Additional Controls required	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating
Fall/trip on Pulpit steps	Handrail installed pursuant to faculty & briefing of users	2	2	Medium				
Working at Height re Spotlights and Bulbs	HSE POLICY in place	1	3	medium				

Area - Selwyn chapel								
Uses / Potential hazards <i>monumental masonry</i>								
Hazard / Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood [1-3]	Severity [1-3]	Risk rating	Additional Controls required	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating
Risk of falling monumental masonry	Regular checks by wardens and periodic inspection by mason/church architect	1	2	low	None			
Fire Hazards	Fire Precautions & extinguishers in place	1	3	medium	None			
Loose floor tiles	Kept under review by wardens	1	2	medium	Work scheduled for 2025	1	2	Low

Area - CHURCHYARD , PORCH & PATHS								
Uses / Potential hazards <i>Slip Trip fall / Trees falling branches/ Gardening and strimming</i>								
Hazard / Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood [1-3]	Severity [1-3]	Risk rating	Additional Controls required	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating
Cuts and injuries from using strimmer & similar equipment	Operator to use protective gloves and mask & ear protection	2	2	Medium	None			
Falling Branches	Tree maintenance programme in place	1	2	Low	None			
Pathway tripping/slipping	Leaf clearing programme in place and provision for cleaning and salting pathways as appropriate	1	2	low	None			
Porch -slipping and tripping	Regular sweeping and removal of leaves etc	1	2	low	None			
Compost Toilet Slipping, tripping	Handrails fitted, floor & entrance way kept clear of obstructions	1	2	medium	None			