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**SAFEGUARDING MATTERS**

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! We are very sorry for the delay in sending this out to you – thank you for bearing with us.

As a team, we are continually searching for venues across the diocese for training events and safeguarding meetings. If you have capacity to accommodate us in your parish, please send details of venues (e.g. information on car parking, accessibility, kitchen and toilets) to Amanda.sandland@derby.anglican.org.

A number of PSOs are no longer in role and we would like to thank those who have left for all their hard work and welcome those who have joined us. We have also heard the sad news that Helen Phipps has passed away. We are very grateful for the commitment she showed to safeguarding in her role as PSO in Chesterfield and we send our condolences to all who knew and loved her.

**Safeguarding and Sunday Worship**

One of the ways churches can encourage and promote safeguarding to bring the necessary culture change is to include it in Sunday sermons and services. Our trainer, Nick Harding, has been a Licenced Lay Minister in another diocese for many years, and is now also licenced to Derby diocese. If you would find it helpful to have a sermon or talk on safeguarding during a church service, then please contact Nick. His Sunday availability is limited and plenty of notice is needed, but he will try to accommodate any requests.

**Safeguarding training**

We are really grateful for all the work PSOs do in encouraging and persuading people to attend required training... it can be challenging! The training matrix was updated in March and is available on our [website](https://derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training.html). We are continuing to provide a mix of Zoom and in-person courses and have dates and venues available through to July the full list of courses can be found with the matrix.

We are now providing over 60 courses every term and have already seen over 500 people complete the Domestic Abuse course on Zoom or in person in the last 3 months! Please do not complete this training via the portal. If you feel that the training may trigger issues for you or those who need to complete it, please let us know immediately.

People can now complete the Safer Recruitment course on the national e-learning portal instead of Zoom.  However, Zoom courses are still available for those who prefer them and provide more local detail.

For those needing to renew their Leadership training after three years this summer onwards, a brand-new course has been developed by the National Safeguarding Team. It will still involve some form of preparation work and a review/evaluation after the course.

Finally, we are very grateful to our small team of seven ‘training supporters’ who support many of the courses we offer, both in-person and on Zoom. They are all experienced volunteers who use their skills to contribute, keep Nick on track and offer pastoral support. If you could offer some time to be a training supporter in a similar way, please do contact Nick to talk it through.

For more information on training and how to book onto a course, please check our [website](https://derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training.html), or email:

Nick.harding@derby.anglican.org - safeguarding training requirements and content

Amanda.Sandland@derby.anglican.org – safeguarding training bookings and certificates

**Safeguarding guidance for PCC members**

We are often asked about the safeguarding responsibilities of PCC members. The link below provides a very useful two minute video which you may find helpful to share with your PCC (trustees): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-for-charities-and-trustees>

**Safeguarding Notice Boards**

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook sets out what should be displayed on a parish safeguarding noticeboard:

* A formal statement of the adoption of the House of Bishops’ ‘Promoting a Safer Church’ - this should be signed on behalf of the PCC: [promoting-a-safer-church.pdf (parishdashboards.org.uk)](https://tools.parishdashboards.org.uk/storage/app/media/Resources/promoting-a-safer-church.pdf)
* Safeguarding [who’s who poster](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-09/11.%20Parish%20%E2%80%93%20Who%E2%80%99s%20Who.docx) (Church of England website)
* ‘Promoting a Safer Church’ poster (Church of England website). There are two posters available –

with space for our logo: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/26720>

Without logo: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/26717>

You could also display our [Safeguarding Strategy](https://derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training/download/4582_e1b84a6bd3c9d756095929cd858a23c5.html). We have a number of other posters available for display – please contact Sue Griffin ([sue.griffin@derby.anglican.org](sue.griffin%40derby.anglican.org)) if you require any further information.

**PSO support update**

Having run a very successful evening PSO drop-in session, we have taken the opportunity to review how best to deliver this support. The sessions will remain on the first Tuesday of the month but will alternate between afternoons and evenings. We will also reduce the time to one hour, with the proviso that the session can continue for up to 1½ hours if needed. There is no obligation to attend, but we would love to see you there. The next session is at 3pm on Tuesday 4 April – click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85354834600?pwd=MSY-5hVtnP1UAbkscpv7FzqUeilgV4.1) to join.

**Webpage update**

We continue to develop our website. You will now find a new tab for [support organisations and services](https://derby.anglican.org/en/support-organisations-and-services.html) on the front page. This provides a list of helpline and support services, both national and local. You will now find the PCR2 report under [Audits and Reviews](https://derby.anglican.org/en/audits-and-reviews.html).

**DBS update**

We are currently finalising the new Confidential Declaration Form and accompanying guidance and will be in touch as soon as they are ready. In preparation for the launch of the new form and privacy notice, you will need to ensure you are aware of who your parish data controller is – this may be an individual or the PCC as a whole.

**Bank Holiday cover**

We continue to partner with Thirtyone:eight to enable you to access safeguarding advice for Bank Holiday periods throughout the year via their helpline. Over Easter, the cover will start on the afternoon of 6 April and run until we re-open on 12 April. If you require emergency safeguarding advice during this period, please contact the helpline on 0303 003 1111. Further details are available [here](https://derby.anglican.org/en/safeguarding.html).

**Meet the team … Amanda Clarke**

I joined the diocese in 2016 and am one of the part time case workers. I have always worked in safeguarding – in Nottinghamshire Police as a Detective, in the NSPCC as an Inspector and in the last five years as an independent author of case reviews (child/adult and domestic homicide reviews). In the other half of my week, I am the Independent Chair of Rochdale Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safeguarding Adult Board. I really enjoy the variety of the diocesan work; sometimes it is challenging but always rewarding. It is great working alongside and supporting clergy and volunteers from across the county as we all do our best to safeguard everyone connected to church. In my non-work life, I am a runner - more for fitness now but I was quite serious when younger - completing marathons including London, Athens and New York. I have recently returned to playing netball which is great fun.  I am married and have 2 children, a daughter aged 15 and a son who is 19 and has just left us for university. We have an English Pointer, Sid, now 3 who still behaves like a crazy puppy!

**And finally….**

****Happy Easter to you all! We hope you have a very special time.