

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING NEWS – February 2018

WELCOME to the sixth issue of the newsletter which brings the latest updates in regard to training from the Safeguarding Team to all churches in the Diocese of St Albans.



Introduction from Bishop Alan: Jesus placed the highest priority on safeguarding (although he would not have used that word). He gave a stark warning to those who abuse others: “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea”. He also spoke of our duty to protect the orphan, the widow and the stranger in our midst. Every one of us needs to do all we can to make our churches, schools and chaplaincies as safe as humanly possible. Training is one of the key elements for good safeguarding and I ask that you look at the different courses available and ensure that you complete the one that is relevant to you in your role.

Core modules - the ‘C’ modules

The latest training news is that Module C1 training is now available online. The safeguarding modules are designed by the National Safeguarding Team and their Safeguarding Training and Development Practice Guidance of January 2017 determines the training requirement for parishes.

There have been several updates regarding training since the first newsletter in December 2016 and hopefully this letter will make clear, as of now, who needs to complete which module and how to do so. The main change now, is in regard to Deanery Training which was a combination of module C1 and module C2 but has changed with the introduction of C1 online. Deanery Training will now be for those who require module C2 training only.

Please see the details for the different modules below and see which one is suitable for you. You will notice that some roles fall into more than one category. If this is the case with your role, or your role is not mentioned, then please see the descriptions highlighted in blue and identify which best fits your role.

Module CO online

Who this module applies to;

This module is suitable for all individuals within our church communities who need to have a basic awareness of safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and do not fall into any other category.

This is including but not limited to:-

PCC members, Vergers, Servers,
Welcomers, Sidespersons,
Caretakers, Refreshment Helpers,
Shop Staff,
Bell Ringers,
Choir/Music Group Members
Employees of the Diocesan Board of Education
and Diocesan Board of Finance.

CO online training takes about one hour to complete

Module C1 online

Who this module applies to;

This module is suitable for all individuals within our church communities who hold positions of responsibility for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and do not fall into module C2 category.

This is including but not limited to:-

Servers, church administrative staff
Safeguarding lead on the PCC
Helpers at activities,
Pastoral / Home Visitors
Ordinands prior to placement
Readers in training
Bishop’s visitors and Spiritual Directors

C1 online training takes about ninety minutes to complete.

How to access the Online Training

In order to access the course please click on this link:- <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Once on this Welcome page, those wishing to complete the course should click on 'Online Courses' and then login (or register if not already done so) and choose module C0 or module C1.

Please do not worry if you are not able to complete the whole online course in one sitting, as you are able to leave the course at any point and resume it later on.

Module C2 Deanery Training (classroom based)

Who this module applies to;

Anyone with safeguarding leadership responsibilities or responsibility for leading activities involving children, young people and/or adults who may be vulnerable.

This is including but not limited to:-

- Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers
- Safeguarding lead on the PCC
- Directors of Music / Choir leaders
- Youth and children's pastors
- Bishop's visitors
- Bell Tower Captains and any ringers who train children and/or vulnerable adults
- Ordinands prior to leaving TEI

Please note that there is a requirement for those who fall into this category to complete module C0 (online) training in preparation.



How to book onto a classroom-based safeguarding training event:-

To book please follow the link:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/deanerysafeguarding/>

More events are being added all the time.

Please could all those attending events arrive 15 minutes early so that the event can start and finish promptly at the advertised times.

Module C3 Clergy, Reader and PTO Training (classroom based)

Who this module applies to;

Those holding a Licence, Commission, Authorisation, Permission to Officiate from a Bishop - Ordained or Lay.

This is including but not limited to;

- All clergy holding a Bishop's Licence
- Licensed/authorised lay ministers
- Readers
- Those holding Permission to Officiate

How to find it;

Jaspreet Biring of Ministry Development manages the list of those who require this training and will contact you with available dates. Please note that this training is mandatory and that Bishop Alan has requested details of those who do not attend. The courses are booked through Eventbrite on this link: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/deanerysafeguarding/> and you will be provided with all necessary information by Jaspreet.

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Specialist Modules

Module S1 (Safer Recruitment) and Module S3 (Domestic Abuse)

These two specialist safeguarding training modules are currently only available to clergy but by Autumn 2018, we expect to have the capacity to offer these important subjects to those in other roles who would benefit from them.

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