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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **DBS**
- **Joint Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Rep Training**
- **Safeguarding Parish Rep vacancies**

Dear Parish Safeguarding Representative,

With the many queries we receive at the Office we felt it was time to resurrect the Newsletter. Our intention is to send this out on a quarterly basis to keep your knowledge up-to-date.

We will be able to update you on the forthcoming training we have planned for this year and also include some DBS pointers, which are based on the questions we are asked on a daily basis.

We are often looking for more Parish Safeguarding Representatives and as such have included a list of Parishes with vacancies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking up this role, please ask them to contact their Parish Priest in the first instance who in turn will contact Mark Hart.

Whilst recognizing this Newsletter isn't comprehensive, if there are any burning issues you would like us to mention in the next issue, please contact Beci at the Office by the 25th May.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your help.

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•DBS and Application Form updates

The next Newsletter will be sent May 2015.

Disclosure & Barring Service

DBS Application reminders

So that the DBS Process runs smoothly please ensure the Parish volunteer meets the following deadlines:-

- **The19 day window from the DBS certificate date for joining the Online Update Service.**
- **The 28 day window (from the date of the DBS certificate) to send the original DBS Disclosure certificate to us to avoid having to complete another Application.**

Quite often we get queries from Parish Reps to say that a volunteer has written the Parish Rep's name on the back of the DBS Form . Please be reminded that no-one but Mark Hart should write anything on the back page.

Diocesan Application Forms

We still regularly receive applications on forms that are out of date. Please note in the near future, any applications received on out of date forms will be returned unactioned for resubmission. If you are in any doubt as to which forms to use please contact Mark Hart.

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CURRENT PARISH REP VACANCIES

English Martyrs , Chard

St Catharine's, Chipping Campden

St Mary on the Quay, Bristol

The Good Shepherd., Ukranian Church, Gloucester

Joint Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Rep Training

As you may be aware we have set some dates for Safeguarding training. This is in response to the new National Training Standards for Safeguarding as determined by the Bishops Conference. This is an opportunity for Clergy and Parish Reps to be trained together. The dates and venues for the training are :-

22nd and 23rd April	Alexander House, Bristol (now fully booked)
23rd and 24th June	St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge
22nd and 23rd September	Christ the King, Amesbury
3rd and 4th November	SS Luke and Teresa, Wincanton

Those that have booked on the above dates will receive a letter confirming their attendance approx.2 weeks before the training . When you receive your letter, please confirm either way that you are still able to attend as we will need the numbers for catering purposes. It is advised also for the attendees who are coming to the training at Alexander House to think about car sharing as there are a limited number of car spaces.

Thank you in advance

The Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding Officer

We are delighted to welcome Liam Ring to the team as our new Safeguarding Officer. Liam recently retired as a Detective Sergeant in Avon and Somerset Police and brings with him a wealth of experience working with children and vulnerable adults. He will be working with us for two days a week primarily on casework and training.

CSAS/New Director Appointment

We received confirmation this week that a new Director of CSAS has been appointed. Until she takes up her new position, the interim Director will be Carol Parry (the current training Officer for CSAS) and Adrian Child will be acting as a consultant to provide continuity during this period.

Poster

A new poster is being designed by the NCSC and will be distributed to Parishes shortly to be displayed in a prominent position in your Parish. The poster will give details of the Parish Rep and Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Three Year Plan

The Safeguarding Commission is finalising details of a 3 year strategic plan. Details will be sent out on completion.