

SOUTHWARK DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Christmas 2020 Newsletter

As we come to the end of this completely unpredictable and unprecedented (word of 2020!) year, we would like to wish you all an especially joyous and blessed holiday season.

Although Christmas may look quite different for many of us this year, may the gift of faith and hope, fill your homes with blessings and peace and may the year end cheerfully. We hope for more certain times ahead and for a fresh and bright new year, hopefully we will be able to see you all again in face to face training sessions!

This newsletter contains some useful helplines, updates, a training video, and our Christmas availability.

As ever, thank you for your support this year. May we all continue to keep those affected by the virus and their families in our prayers and remain thankful to the frontline workers who have kept the country going at a time of stand-still.

Save the date!

The Safeguarding Office will be holding an Online Zoom Meeting for PSRs to discuss Volunteer DBS renewals on **Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 6:30pm.** Invitations have been sent by email.



Couples for Christ DBS

The Couples for Christ organisation, has indicated that some of their volunteers may approach parishes to assist with DBS applications. In such cases you can if necessary request a DBS form from our office and verify their identity documents in the usual way, and applications can then be submitted to our office for processing.

Updated Forms

CSAS, our national body, have released newer versions (December 2020) of:

- Confirmation of Identity Form
- Safeguarding Self-Declaration Form
- Applicant Consent Form

These updated versions will be available for print in the new year, from the 'Resources' section of our webpage and from the PSR Resource Centre.

After 29th January 2021, forms dated prior to December 2020 will not be accepted. Please destroy any blank forms of the previous version that you may have stored.

Support Services to Share in Your Parish

VS VICTIM SUPPORT

Specialist support service for survivors of church-related abuse in England and Wales.

Tel: 0300 303 1056

Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

LiveChat:

www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

SAMARITANS

Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

Helpline: 116 123 (open 24 hours).



Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.

Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (Open 24 hours).

Training Video – Domestic Abuse

The Safeguarding Office has created a short training video on domestic abuse. You can access the video by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/GN8vKNJ68tM>

Or you can access it on the PSR Resource Centre "Training Videos" page.

An instruction video of how to access the resource center was recently sent to all PSRs, please contact the safeguarding office if you require further assistance.

A poster with 10 different helpline services is available on the PSR Resource Centre.

Please continue to keep informed about your local tier restrictions over the Christmas period and into the new year.

Diocesan central offices will be closed over the Christmas period from Monday 21st December 2020 until Monday 4th January 2021. However, a member of the safeguarding team will be available for urgent enquiries and emergencies:

Monday 21 st December 2020	Tuesday 22 nd December 2020	Wednesday 23 rd December 2020	Thursday 24 th December 2020	Friday 25 th December 2020
Kaella	Allison	Paul	Kaella	Christine

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If any matter needs escalation or a conversation contact **Mary-Jane** on 07738 102681 or maryjanecrowley@rcaos.org.uk

Monday 28 th December 2020	Tuesday 29 th December 2020	Wednesday 30 th December 2020	Thursday 31 st December 2020	Friday 1 st January 2021
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