Safeguarding an update 24th March 2022

Having talked with you, Adam Bond (Bristol Diocese) and the NST (National Safeguarding Team) I would like you to communicate this message to bellringers and tower captains across your Association through your communication with them...

All bellringers should complete basic awareness sessions. Any Tower Captains and those teaching children and young people should complete the foundation E learning. These are both E learning modules and can both be accessed through the portal.

In both Bristol and Gloucester Diocese face to face sessions are available but are run slightly differently. Parishes in Bristol Diocese need to request a face-to-face session for the parish through the Bristol Diocese website. The face to face sessions in Gloucester are open to multiple parishes and can be booked on through the Gloucester Diocese website.

Tower Captains at the Cathedral, and those which have frequent visitors or are used for teaching on a regular basis should complete the Leadership pathway. The dates for these zoom and face to face session are available <u>here</u> for Gloucester and here for <u>Bristol.</u>

If you are unsure or have any questions, please do talk with your parish safeguarding officer. They will also need to record that you have completed the training as part of the records they keep for the parish.

You can also contact Becca Faal, the safeguarding training lead at Gloucester Diocese beccafaal@glosdioc.org.uk and Helen Styles, the safeguarding trainer at Bristol Diocese helen.styles@bristoldiocese.org

Best Wishes

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