

Keeping us Safe

A further message for all Parish/ Church Safeguarding Officers – for action

Dear Colleagues,

In the last few months, we wrote to you with details of the new appointment within the Diocesan Safeguarding team of Suzy Futcher. Suzy has replaced Heather Bland in the DSA (Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser) role and will be working with Jem Carter in a DSA job-share arrangement. Suzy brings with her some really useful experience, having previously worked in Safeguarding within an educational setting. She also has a particular interest in counselling. She will be an asset to the team here at Church House.



With this change we asked parishes to check that their local church websites, Safeguarding policies and Safeguarding posters were suitably amended, removing Heather's details and replacing them jointly with mine and Suzy's. **For those of you that have not had the chance to do this please can we ask that the necessary updates are made as soon as possible. There are still a good number which have Heather's photo and contact details on them.**

To help you with this we have made up copies of the relevant Church Safeguarding posters with both our details:



Promoting a safer church poster no logo



Promoting a safer church poster with logo

Given our job-share arrangement it will be important for you all to know the hours and days that both Suzy and I are working. You will find these at the foot of all our emails or on the Safeguarding pages of the Diocesan website – but for ease of reference they are also listed here, along with the details of '31:8' – the external provider commissioned to provide Safeguarding advice within the Diocese over the weekend period:

Suzy Futcher works 9am-5pm, Monday-Thursday inclusive. Suzy is the first point of contact for urgent safeguarding advice from 9am-9pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 9am until 12pm on a Wednesday (via mob 07500 664800), after which she will handover to Jem Carter as below. **Email:** suzy.futcher@salisbury.anglican.org

Jem Carter works 9am-5pm Tuesday-Friday inclusive. One day a week is also spent providing dedicated Safeguarding support to the Cathedral. Jem is the first point of contact for urgent safeguarding advice from 12pm on Weds through until 5pm on a Friday. He is also available on an 'on call' basis until 9pm on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (via mobile 07469 857888). **Email:** jem.carter@salisbury.anglican.org



An external Safeguarding service provider '**thirtyone: eight**' provides out of hours cover from 5pm on a Friday until 8am the following Monday – Tel 0303 0031111.

As of **1st of April 2021**, the operating hours of this helpline are being reduced by the provider. Over the weekend period this cover will be reduced to between the hours of **7am and 12midnight**. Between 12midnight and 7am, anyone calling this service with an urgent enquiry will be advised via a voicemail message to contact the Emergency Services. Those calling with a non-urgent matter nature will be advised to call back during these new hours of operation. A separate email further detailing these changes is also being circulated to you.

If you have any more queries in respect of this do please let us know. We have also started a general Safeguarding email account safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org so if this is easier for you or you can't remember who is on what day then please feel free to send an email to this account. It will ensure you get a response regardless of the day of the week or if for example one of us was on leave.

Forthcoming PSO Workshops

On the training section of the Diocesan website, you will now find the relevant links to book a place on our forthcoming PSO Zoom workshop, which will be focused on ensuring we provide a high-quality service to victims and survivors of abuse. These commence this month and are being held on a variety of times and dates, so hopefully you will find one you can make. We would encourage you to join us for what we hope will be an interesting and informative session. We chose this theme due to the recent findings from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) regarding the Church of England, which clearly detailed the need for us to do more in this area.

We committed to ensuring that we meet your needs and provide you with any support you might require. Please continue to email us with any subjects you would like covered in future PSO/ CSO update sessions and we will do our best to work these into the day.

Thank you as always for all the hard work you put into keeping our parishes and churches safe!

Kind regards,

Jem Carter and Suzy Futcher

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers

