## **New Induction Programme for PSOs**

A new programme that will provide initial training for new Parish Safeguarding Officers and for an opportunity for existing experienced PSOs to contribute is being launched this May.

This is a new induction presentation that will be launched at All Saints Church, West Lavington, and will include a short service of Holy Communion at the end led by the Revd Marion Harrison, Rector of the Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton.

It will also be an opportunity to meet Jem Carter, who is working alongside Heather as Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

The training has been launched alongside a newly-approved Induction programme that sets out clear guidelines for the training of new Parish Safeguarding Officers which will included a meeting on appointment with a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team as well as a copy of "Introduction to the Role of the PSO" and "PCC and Churchwardens Guide to Safeguarding" from the DSA.

Each new PSO will be offered the name, phone and email of an experienced PSO (ie more than 2 years in post) to be a 'buddy' or mentor, and Incumbents or Priests-in-Charge with a new PSO will be given a small piece of liturgy (10 minutes) that they can insert into a Sunday or other service to commission their new PSO.

Access the Induction Programme here.

More information on the course here.