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For the attention of all Clergy, Parish/Pastoral District Secretaries, and Diocesan Councillors

### **CONTINUING SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY DURING 2018**

Following consultation with all Parishes and Pastoral Districts, the Diocese has finalised its Safe Ministry seminars for 2018, as part of its ongoing effort to provide training for those who have or intend to hold ministry positions in The Murray.

The Diocese is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all – children and adults, men and women, parishioners, ministers and occasional visitors and users of our services. The Church is a place where everyone should be safe and valued and being a safe church is not just about protecting children, it also encompasses safeguarding the well-being of any vulnerable person, including, but not limited to, the elderly or disabled.

The Safe Ministry Training is required for anyone who holds a licence as a Bishop, Priest or Deacon, or is a Lay Minister holding the Bishop's Licence to Preach, ministering communion while robed, involved in the leadership of worship, involved in children's and youth ministry, ministering to the elderly and vulnerable, an official hospital or home visitor, all choir directors, a churchwarden or a paid op shop manager.

Full day training is available to those who hold the above mentioned positions and **who have not as yet** completed a Safe Ministry Training session offered by the Diocese via the National Council of Churches Australia. Refresher courses are available to those for whom it is has been three years since they last attended the training.

The Child Safe Environments Course was introduced across the Diocese last year as one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into child abuse. This course supplements the Safe Ministry course and is mandatory for all clergy, all key leaders in the Diocese and anyone who has contact with children and vulnerable people. This includes Ministry Leaders of Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Pastoral Carers and hospital or home visitors and those involved in a crèche, childcare or a playgroup, paid Op-shop managers or at least one key person involved in operating each Op-shop in the Diocese.

If you have already done this course within the last three to four years, in the Diocese of Adelaide or anywhere else associated with your employment or through a volunteer organisation, please provide evidence to the Diocesan Trainer, Linda Vinall. She will assess the training completed before you are exempt from the course. This can be done by sending a copy of your certificate to the Diocesan Registry Clerk, Jasmine Irvine, PO Box 394, Murray Bridge SA 5253 or by email [jasamine@murray.anglican.org](mailto:jasamine@murray.anglican.org)

Only those who complete this training will be able to continue to hold their position in a Parish or Pastoral District in the Diocese.



### **Full Day Safe Ministry Training for NEW Participants**

This session will commence at 9:30am and will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

- Christ the King Hall, 40 Hutchinson St, Mount Barker, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### **Three Hour Safe Ministry Refresher Courses**

Refresher courses are available for those who attended the Safe Ministry courses three years ago. For those who have done the Safe Ministry courses over the past two years, there will be an opportunity to undertake the Refresher course in subsequent years.

- St Edmund's Church Hall, Cnr of Fowles St & Langdon Tce, Barmera, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2:00pm
- St Hilary's Ministry Centre, 1 High St, Morphett Vale, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm
- Christ the King Church Hall, 40 Hutchinson St, Mount Barker, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am

If there is a demand for further Refresher Courses then arrangements will be made to hold one on a Thursday or Friday later in the year.

### **Child Safe Environments – reporting child abuse & neglect in SA**

This session will commence at 9:30am and will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Those who are required to attend are outlined in the body of this circular.

- St Edmund's Church Hall, corner of Fowles St & Langdon Tce, Barmera, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July
- Adare Uniting Church Hall, 5 Adare Ave, McCracken (Victor Harbor), Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October

For all courses, please be at the venue in good time before the session starts (up to 15 minutes beforehand) for registration purposes.

It is essential that you book your place in the appropriate course no later than a week before the course is scheduled. To book your place, please contact:

Barmera – Fr Paul Devenport [pdevenport@vtown.com.au](mailto:pdevenport@vtown.com.au) or 8586 3288

Mount Barker – Annette Schirmer [annetteschirmer@internode.on.net](mailto:annetteschirmer@internode.on.net) or 0407 714 026

Victor Harbor – Jasmine Irvine [jasamine@murray.anglican.org](mailto:jasamine@murray.anglican.org) or 8532 2270

Morphett Vale – June Suitor [office@sainthilary.org.au](mailto:office@sainthilary.org.au) or 8326 5146

Finally, a reminder for anyone new to a ministry position that the completion of the Diocesan Safe Ministry Screening Questionnaire and a new National Police Clearance is required. Forms are available on the Diocesan website or from the Registry.

If you have any queries please email Fr David Patterson at [davidpat01@gmail.com](mailto:davidpat01@gmail.com) or telephone 8767 2672.

Please make this information widely known.

Yours sincerely



Donna M Jones  
Registrar