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

**ADJUSTMENT OF DATES FOR SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING DURING 2019**

*It has become necessary to adjust some of the dates for the Safe Ministry Training within the Diocese for 2019. Please replace any notices on notice boards with this new circular and make the information widely known throughout your church communities. All other details provided in the circular dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 remain the same.*

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. The Full Day training is also recommended for those who have not attended any Safe Ministry courses for more than four years. 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 as one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into child sexual 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 for 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

These sessions will commence at 9:30am and conclude by 4:30pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

- **\*New date\*** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Christ the King Parish Centre, 40 Hutchinson Street, Mount Barker
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Christ Church (Ashworth Room), 26 Bay Road, Mount Gambier

### 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.

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30pm – Christ the King Parish Centre, 40 Hutchinson Street, Mount Barker
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2:00pm – Seaford Christian Churches (in the Baptistery), corner of Main Street and Grand Boulevard, Seaford
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2:00pm – Christ Church Hall, 1708 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1:00pm – Christ Church (Ashworth Room), 26 Bay Road, Mount Gambier

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

These sessions will commence at 9:30am and conclude by 4:30pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Those who are required to attend are outlined in the body of this circular.

- **\*New date\*** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – St John's House, 8 Mannum Road, Murray Bridge (please bring your own lunch)
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ Church Hall, 1708 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill (A light lunch will be provided for participants)

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:

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

Mount Gambier – Tara McCracken [TaraMcCracken@outlook.com](mailto:TaraMcCracken@outlook.com) or 0419 232 871

Murray Bridge – Chris Irvine [irvine.chris@outlook.com](mailto:irvine.chris@outlook.com) or 0434 947 740 (after hours)

O'Halloran Hill – Bronwyn Telfer [bronwynrick@gmail.com](mailto:bronwynrick@gmail.com) or (08) 8322 7001

Seaford – Jane Cuthbert [corbidge@tpg.com.au](mailto:corbidge@tpg.com.au) or 0407 651 606

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. These screening documents should also be refreshed every three years for people who have already provided them. Forms are available on the Diocesan website or from the Registry Office.

If you have any queries please email Fr David Patterson at [davidpat01@gmail.com](mailto:davidpat01@gmail.com) or telephone (08) 8767 2672.

Yours sincerely



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