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NEWSLETTER TO CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTION COORDINATORS

This newsletter is for all who are working with children and vulnerable adults. We hope this summer is going well for you all in your busy parishes. Do let us know about your events both past and future so that Emily Shepherd, Diocesan Communications Officer EShepherd@diocant.org can celebrate and advertise these.

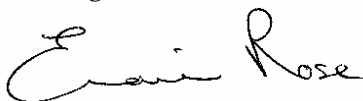
We are all reminded on a daily basis of the importance of the media and its power by recent events. Overarching this of course is the need for vigilant and informed practice and procedures. That is why we urge you to make certain that your parish is aware of both the Canterbury Diocesan Child Protection Guidance – '**Protecting Children from Harm**' and the Vulnerable Adult Guidance- '**Protecting Vulnerable Adults from Harm**'. Remember we can send trainers to your parish if training is needed.

During our own travels around the Diocese we are sometimes disappointed to see old and outdated child protection policies displayed in the church or indeed sometimes none at all! The policy statements both in relation to child protection and vulnerable adults give out a clear message to everyone, including visitors from far and wide that the Church of England takes its responsibilities for the vulnerable seriously and is proud to do so. Please therefore check your policies, see that they are adopted annually by your PCC and display them! (See paragraph 4.2 and Annexe B in our Child Protection Guidelines - '**Protecting Children from Harm**' and paragraph 6.1 and Annexe G in our Adult Protection Guidelines - '**Protecting Vulnerable Adults from Harm**').

The new House of Bishops guidance about working with people within the church who have been sexually abused – '**Responding Well**' is now available and can be downloaded at <http://www.chpublishing.co.uk> , or indeed bought from Church House or ordered through Amazon (£5.99). We will be providing training for those (both lay and clergy) interested in this area of work and if you are, please let Sheila Rooke have your name.

There will be training in vulnerable adults work this coming November (date and venue still to be confirmed) so keep your eyes out for that.

We are, as always, pleased to hear from you about any concerns or indeed ideas for future training.



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Internet Safety Conference

The Diocese is hoping to arrange a half day conference on the issues involved with Internet Safety, either later this year or early in 2012 This would be particularly for Child Protection Coordinators, youth leaders and helpers, clergy etc. This is an area that is rapidly growing and changing and those responsible for the young people's groups in our parishes need to be aware of the advantages of this technology but also the safeguards that should be in place.

Please indicate below which times might best suit yourself and other interested parties in your parish (more than one option may be given).

Name:

Parish:

1. Weekday morning/afternoon,
2. Weekday evening 7-9.30pm,
3. Weekday early evening 4.30- 7.00pm
4. Saturday morning/afternoon

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Thank you