



Since last month's newsletter I have reflected further on some of the learning from the Conference. Connexional Director of safeguarding opened the first day by reading an excerpt from Maggie O'Farrell's book *I am, I am, I am* where she was seriously ill as a child and in hospital. She describes in the book that one day she had a visitor: white hair, gold chain, cigar breath. On a number of occasions, he told the nurse to go; she refused. It was a reminder of the difference, for good or evil, that one person can make. This was a real reminder of how one individual's diligence to their Safeguarding responsibility can make a lasting impact on someone.

With best wishes,

Neil

DBS and Training

Please keep a track of your DBS renewals (every 5 years) and training needs (every 4 years). DBS applications are processed very quickly now and should be completed before anyone STARTS in a new role or responsibility. Please remember that the online Advanced Module is available. It is flexible for you to dip in and out of the learning modules in your own time and yet still has the benefits of a Gathered session at the end on Zoom, and we have Advanced Face to Face sessions in the Spring in both Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Details at bottom of newsletter.



'May I...?' Leaflets about touch in church

As part of her presentation at the Safeguarding Conference at the Hayes Conference Centre this year, Rev'd. Karen Jobson included a short interview with someone who had experienced sexual trauma. She chose to go by the name of 'Eve'. Following participating in the interview, Eve felt that she wanted to help educate church people on why asking permission before hugging or touching others is important. She produced some resources to help that conversation that were shared at the conference and here.

[May I...? Leaflet 1](#)

[May I...? Leaflet 2](#)

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**THE NEXT SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY IS 16TH NOV 2025**

Safeguarding Sunday 2025 is on **16 November 2025** –
Save the Date and Register now
New resources coming summer 2025.

[Safeguarding Sunday](#)

Advanced Module Training

3rd June 2025

Face to Face at ELY Methodist Church 1.30pm - 5.30pm. Please use the link below to book a place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advanced-module-face-to-face-tuesday-3rd-june-2025-ely-methodist-church-tickets-1069284080469>

8th May 2025

Face to Face at Hethersett Methodist Church 1pm-5pm. Please use the link below to book a place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advanced-module-face-to-face-thursday-8th-may-2025-1-5pm-hethersett-tickets-1256384242089?aff=oddtcreator>

Don't forget to visit the [Safeguarding pages](#) of the District website for training dates and further information.