



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh



Clergy gather at Gillis to focus on a mentally healthy church



Dr Rob Waller addresses clergy.

A TOTAL of 66 clergy from across the Archdiocese came together recently to hear Dr Rob Waller speak on 'A Mentally Healthy Church: History, Hype and How to Help'.

Emma Boothroyd (*right*), the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, said: "We've had positive feedback about the event and some helpful suggestions which I have highlighted

to the Archbishop. Dr Waller provided us with mental health packs for parishes. If you'd like a copy of his Powerpoint please contact me (*details below*)."



ROBERT MCGEE APPOINTED CHAIR OF SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY GROUP

ROBERT McGee is the new chair of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group (ASAG). He is currently a trustee of the Archdiocese. A recent consultation exercise proposed a revised structure of the group to allow for greater governance and clarity of remit and purpose.

What is the Safeguarding Advisory Group?

ASAG ensures that high standards of safeguarding in the Archdiocese are maintained and is also the forum to propose new ideas for the benefit of safeguarding in the Archdiocese.

Who is on it?

Archbishop Leo Cushley, Robert McGee (trustee and chair), Fr Allan Chambers (see right), Emma Boothroyd (see right), Elaine Anderson (see right) Fr Francis Ututo, Sheila Ritchie (DRAMT chair), Fr Marcin Motyka and two representatives from Catholic Education.

What else?

A forum has been formed that will include safeguarding parish co-ordinators, trainers and reps from groups such as the SSVP and our Lourdes pilgrimage team. Issues of concern from the Forum will be escalated to the ASAG itself.

In undertaking my role as chair of the Archdiocese Safeguarding Advisory Group (ASAG) I intend to work with my fellow members to ensure that our safeguarding standards throughout the Archdiocese are as high as they can be.



Chair Robert McGee

See over for details on mental health pack for your parish



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Upcoming training

ONLINE Risk Assessment Training for priests and PSCs explains how to do a simple Risk Assessment for your churches. It takes place:

- Saturday 9 April at 10am with Scott MacKenzie
- Saturday 17 September at 10am with Scott MacKenzie

To register please email Scott.Mackenzie@staned.org.uk providing details of your name, parish and role.



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Website update

We've updated the Safeguarding section of the Archdiocesan website to make it more accessible and engaging. A clergy page has been added for the priests of the Archdiocese.

Vacancy: safeguarding advisor

EMMA Boothroyd retires this summer so the Archdiocese is looking to appoint a new Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA).

The role of the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is to advise and assist the Archbishop in meeting his safeguarding responsibilities.

The DSA is responsible for managing all complaints and allegations of a safeguarding nature in accordance with 'In God's Image', the national safeguarding document.



A full job description and details of how to apply are on the Archdiocesan website and various job websites. The closing date for applications is Friday 25 March.

Going on holiday? Let us know

A REMINDER that if you are going away on holiday and need supply for your parish to contact us well in advance. This is to check that the supplying priest has all of the necessary safeguarding paperwork in place. If in doubt, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Your PVG update

THERE are quite a few clergy who are due to have their PVGs updated this year. This will also apply to any retired priests who still wish to supply. Please contact Margaret McCluskey in our Safeguarding Office who will be happy to arrange this for you. Her contact details are overleaf.

Priest is sentenced

FR Martins Enegbuma, a priest based in our Archdiocese, was given a four month restriction of liberty order at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 15 March 2022 after being found guilty of a sexual assault at a parish house in Edinburgh. The Archdiocese has apologised to the victim and support has been offered to her and the priest.

A mental health pack for your parish

ONE in four people experience a mental health problem at some point in their life. Following our clergy safeguarding day (see over) Dr Rob Waller is recommending the Mental Health Access Pack. It's an online resource for churches and you can download the full PDF or just the pages you want at www.mentalhealthaccesspack.org.

The pack will:

- equip you with advice from medical, psychological and theological perspectives.
- help you support those in your parish who are struggling with mental health issues.
- help you to discuss issues and share ideas surrounding mental health and the church.



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