

All those who have not completed the Advanced Safeguarding course will not be allowed to lead worship in our Circuit. I'm trying to find out who still needs to complete this training, so that we can make arrangements for those who may need to do this. **Please let me know if you have not yet completed the training.**

There are the following sessions already planned:

3rd May. Aspull. 1.30pm. - 3.30pm

7th May. Aspull 10am - 3pm

7th July. Aspull. 7pm - 9pm

Also, one in Leigh & Hindley 15th June 7pm - 9pm

Agnes has kindly sent me the following information:

"There are 2 ways you will now be able to do the course.....the first is the usual face to face way...the second is via online modules.....the choice is yours.

For the Wigan circuit the face to face day long session is at ASPULL church on SATURDAY MAY 7th.....

The course time is 9-30am for 10am start hoping to finish about 3pm. Places will probably be limited so don't hang about

To enrol on the course you need to contact HELEN BOLTON the new DSO giving your name...email contact...phone or mobile number...your church role....the name of the church.....the circuit name and the date of the full day course and venue

The second way to do the course and one preferred by the district is the online version . This is organised by a group called Theology X. Participants online can work at their own pace at times convenient to themselves. It involves completion of 6 separate units which have to be completed at least 3 days before attending a gathered session either via zoom no details as yet on this but face to face gather sessions are also at Aspull. These dates are Tuesday May 3rd at 1-30 or Thursday July 7th at 7 pm. YOU CANNOT BE AT A GROUP SESSION TILL ALL UNITS ARE COMPLETED.

To enrol.....Again you need to contact new DSO .. If you follow this route give same details as above. She will then forward your details to the connexional safeguarding team who are registered with Theology X who provide the 6 units. In turn you will receive 2 emails from them.....one to register.....the second to enrol on the course.

Good luck to everyone as we face this new and greatly different online world.....I'm a people person and that's my preferred way but maybe I'm too old fashioned for this digital world.

If you're desperately struggling to understand all this I'll try my best to help.

Agnes Houghton