



Safeguarding News
April 2025

The **Methodist Church**
East Anglia

Happy Easter to you all. This is absolutely my favourite time of year. The temperatures are starting to climb, but not too much yet that it is uncomfortable, and I get to start cutting my grass which I find very therapeutic, and affords some time to stop and think, not only about all the jobs I have to do, but also all the things I am grateful for. It is important that even when we are overloaded with tasks and worries we ensure we stop, reflect and recharge, whatever that may look like to you.

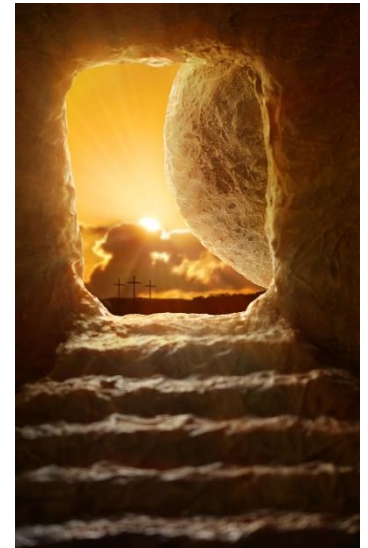
With best wishes,

Neil

Safeguarding Forum Monday 12th May 2025

The Next Safeguarding Forum is currently diarised for Monday 12th May. I would love to put these front and centre of everyones minds, so please share with your networks to ensure as many people as possible can make it. These take place on Zoom quarterly on a Monday evening 7pm-9pm. This year I am trying to source guest speakers to input on areas they champion. The first one of the year was very well received, and I am hoping the next will also. The topic will be BYSTANDER INTERVENTION and what it looks like to be someone outside of a safeguarding scenario who steps in to support positive resolution, and what the impacts can be if we don't do this. The session will be delivered by Vivien Almond who many of you will already know, and my regional colleague Neil Hutchinson who is a Safeguarding Trainer in Northamptonshire district. I will as always then be available immediately after the discuss any local questions and concerns you may want to bring to the group. Link to register for Zoom is below.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vSVBGCARTHac3GDhK0hUIw>



'The Monster who came to tea' - new short domestic abuse animation from Womens Aid.

Women's Aid has created an animated film, 'The monster who came to tea', raising awareness around the impact of domestic abuse on women and children. Alongside the film, Women's Aid has written an open letter calling on the Government to improve funding for specialist domestic abuse services.

Read the news story: [Women's Aid launched sobering children's book 'Monster who came to tea' and calls on the Government to improve funding for women and children survivors of domestic abuse this International Women's Day](#)

Watch the film: [The monster who came to tea](#)

Upcoming Advanced Module Training dates – Spaces available **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>

3rd June 2025

Face to Face at ELY Methodist Church 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Please note this course is in June 2025

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>

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