

Dear SB Member

Safeguarding Training

I have been tasked by the Southern Branch Committee to contact all branch members to clarify the Safeguarding training requirements for all Bell Ringers and Tower Captains as specified by the Lincoln Diocese. Completing this training is a requirement of the Lincoln Diocese.

Please follow this link [What training do I need? - Lincoln Diocese](#) for more information. To summarise, all Bell Ringers should complete the Basic Awareness (C0) online training course and in addition to this Tower Captains need to complete the Foundation (C1) online training.

The online training is accessible through the CofE National Safeguarding Portal, which can be found by following this link [Church of England National Safeguarding: Training Portal](#). You will need to create a new account if you haven't already done so, (this is a simple process) then you will be able to access the training. Once you have successfully completed the training, (which takes about one hour) you will be able to download a certificate as evidence. If you are unable to access the online training, I suggest that you contact your Parish Safeguarding Officer who should be able to help you. Your Parish Safeguarding Officer contact details are on the promoting "a safer church" poster which should be displayed in every church.

I realise that this subject may raise questions, please direct any questions you may have to your Parish Safeguarding Officer. It might be best to coordinate your questions via your Tower Captain to save the Safeguarding Officer having multiple questions of a similar nature.

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