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## SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN No 5 – July 2017

Thank you to Christine Baker and her team and for Jenna for their cooperation in the activities they have organised this spring. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, in particular, were a mammoth task which presented many safety and safeguarding challenges. Thanks to all the detailed work both events were enjoyable and safe.

**Creating Safer Spaces Training:** There are still some volunteers at LMC who should attend this course and I advise it is not left to the end of the year. All volunteers with *children* and *adults who may be vulnerable* are required to attend this training (including Local Preachers and Worship Leaders) – other church members and volunteers are warmly invited. Given the way we operate at LMC with community activities like the Holiday Club we strongly recommend everybody to attend.

Future Courses: Foundation Refresher	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Afternoon 2 – 4:30	Shern Hall
	15th July	Afternoon 2 - 4:30	Loughton
	9th September	Afternoon 2 - 4:30	Leytonstone
	22nd November	Evening 7:30 - 10	Leytonstone
	25th November	Afternoon 2 - 4:30	Loughton

**First aid course:** We need to increase our pool of First Aiders so that, on balance, it is likely that at least one will be on the premises during busy times. The staff are already trained but we want to extend that so a Certificated course has been arranged at LMC on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 7:00 –10:00pm. We have limited places so keep an eye out for the publicity and how to register.

**Fire Marshall:** As with first aid we need to increase our pool of Fire Marshalls and a certificated course has been arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 – 9:30pm. Again, watch out for publicity and how to book.

**Spiritual Abuse in Churches:** The Circuit have asked me to organise a conference on this subject in 2018.

**Safeguarding the elderly and infirm:** We are continuing to develop our policies and practices and look forward to the Messy Vintage project taking shape in the Autumn.

**Circuit News:** In the absence due to holiday of the SO at Leytonstone I have been appointed to that role on a temporary basis.

**Confidentiality:** Can I remind you that all emails and messages from me in respect of safeguarding are confidential and should not be shared with others or published without my explicit consent.

Together we can make LMC a safer place for all.  
Malcolm Bell JP  
LMC Safeguarding Officer.