

## April 2020

We are living in difficult times, in times when safety, protection, care and support are vital on all levels. It is likely we will be living under these conditions for some time to come. It will take some time to understand what is happening with the coronavirus but we are seeing a new way of being church and working out how we are church in these times we have also seen a coming together in our separation.

How we do Safeguarding is also having to change in these times. All training is having to be put on hold. Where possible we will hold safeguarding meetings on line or by phone. DBS have allowed some flexibility to enable us to verify documents without meeting.

At this time our safeguarding processes remain essential – and as we may be aware risks for a number of vulnerable groups may be significantly greater at this time. Do take time to ensure you are aware of areas of increased risk – a lot of information is available of the District website.

The Methodist Church website has more useful information and I continue to send out updates as things progress.

Keep well, keep safe.

God bless,

Jane Fisher  
District Safeguarding Officer