

Statement from Bishop Richard

We seek to help people become disciples of Christ, that through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit they will come to know how deeply God loves them. That is why we think good safeguarding practice is at the heart of our mission. We uphold the policies and practice for Safeguarding within the Church of England across every one of our churches and schools. We want to ensure they are adopted and implemented across every part of the Church so it can be a safe place for everyone.

In our diocese, we are committed to putting things right when they go wrong. We put survivors first, strive to care for any who have been harmed and follow the best possible practice. We work with all statutory and other authorities to deal effectively with any disclosures of harm, contemporary or historic. We seek to learn the lessons from every situation to make our churches and schools a safer place for all. A good culture of safeguarding is essential in all we do. I pray you will find these resources helpful as we all work to support and uphold these values and practices. Thank you for all you do to sustain the life of our diocese in this as in so many other areas of our common life.