



## **Haldon Mission Community.**

### **Victims and Survivors of Abuse**

Following the disclosure of church-based abuse, the PCC must take reasonable steps to offer appropriate support to the victim or survivor.

- We ask ourselves, as a PCC, are we able to offer appropriate support to a victim or survivor?
- How can our church better respond to victims and survivors of abuse?

#### **Safeguarding Standard 4 relates to victims and survivors.**

The *Our Parish* booklet includes the following indicators of 'what good looks like':

- Our parish hears, respects, believes and genuinely cares for those who are reporting abuse.
- Our parish responds to safeguarding disclosures in a victim-centred and trauma-informed way.
- Our parish is aware of the routes to disclosure and the processes that follow and can communicate that to those who report abuse.
- Our parish acts on safeguarding concerns appropriately, transparently and in a timely manner.
- Our parish fulfils the support requirements set out in the '*Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse*' House of Bishops' Guidance.
- Our parish also supports victims and survivors of non-Church based abuse, abuse within churches other than the Church of England, and those with broader safeguarding issues (e.g., mental health, homelessness) in accessing relevant support services.
- Our parish ensures that the Bible and Christian theology is used with victims and survivors sensitively and with their consent, to provide care and support.

Please record this discussion in the minutes of your PCC meeting.