**Script for Safeguarding Sunday 2022**

Church should be a place where we can worship, learn, and live together free from the fear of harm. Sadly, this hasn’t always been the case.

Thanks to the hard work and courage of many people, things are changing for the better.

On Safeguarding Sunday, churches across the country will be sharing what they are doing to make their communities safer places where everyone can thrive.

But there is still a way to go, and more for us to learn.

As church, God calls us:

* To protect the weak, (James 1:27)
* To speak-up for those whose voices are not heard, (Proverbs 31:8)
* To follow Jesus’ example of servant leadership, (Luke 22:26)
* and pursue His heart for justice. (Micah 6:8)

Today, with one voice let’s pray that God would help us be a church that:

Loves, welcomes, protects.

Listens, learns, serves.

Values, cares, believes.

God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus name.

Amen.