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**One church
One day
One message:
Protecting
vulnerable
people.
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**Safeguarding
Sunday 2022**



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All scripture quotations from the NIV translation unless stated otherwise.

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Why Safeguarding Sunday?

What does safeguarding mean to you? To Mary in the front pew who gives her time to help with the Sunday Club and has done for as long as she can remember? To the hands-full Mum, with the worry-lined face in the foyer busying her toddler with biscuits and juice as she tries to listen to the sermon? To 5-year-old Simon who gets so easily lost in the crowd after the service when teas and coffees are served, and his parents try to catch up with their friends?

You know about the importance of safeguarding, but does everyone else in the congregation? Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to introduce your safeguarding team, acknowledge and thank your volunteers, and explain why safeguarding is important to everybody.

As church, God calls us to: protect the weak (James 1:27), speak up for those whose voices are not heard (Proverbs 31:8), follow Jesus' example of servant leadership (Luke 22:26), and pursue God's heart for justice for all (Micah 6:8). It's our joy and privilege to join in with God's mission to bring healing to the broken hearted, restore justice, and offer freedom and light where there is pain and darkness. There is simply no place for abuse in our churches.

Safeguarding Sunday is your chance to highlight all the good work being done behind the scenes so that you can show your church and your community that you are committed, together as a church, to protecting vulnerable people. Mark this event as part of your church's overall safeguarding activity and demonstrate that you are on a journey to best practice, keeping up to date, and ensuring safeguarding standards are maintained to make your church a safer place for all.

Safeguarding is everyone's business because God is in the business of drawing close to the weak. As God stoops down to lift up those who need his help, so too must we draw alongside the vulnerable among us. We hope and pray that this Safeguarding Sunday encourages you, your congregation and everyone else who hears about all you're doing to mark this special event.

How this resource can be used

This pack contains resources for you to plan and lead a service, complete with hymn suggestions, sermon notes, prayers, liturgy, and can be adapted to suit your church's style. They are a guide to inspire you as you think about how you'll deliver key messages. Only you know your church and the best way to engage with people you've developed a relationship with over time. We hope that these resources can be used to keep the conversation going in your church and prompt further reflection and worship of a God of justice, hope and healing.

Together with our communications pack, this resource pack also contains guidance on how to publicise and promote your event to help raise awareness.



Additional resources and a printable version of the liturgy and worksheets can be downloaded here: thirtyoneeight.org/downloads

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Preparation checklist

Here are some helpful things to consider as you prepare and plan your event.

Be aware that this event may be triggering for survivors or victims of abuse, and may prompt questions, concerns, or disclosures of abuse.

Make sure that people know who they can speak to about any concerns and where they can get support to address issues that may arise. In addition to any denominational or Diocesan support, our confidential and independent safeguarding helpline is available to offer guidance and advice

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm on 0303 003 11 11.

When planning your event it's important to consider how you could include victims and survivors of abuse in the service so their voice is heard. This is best done by making them aware of your plans to hold the event in advance and involving them in the planning, asking them about their thoughts, feelings, and ideas about what to include and how they may want to participate.

- ☐ Get **the date** for your service in your church diary or calendar ASAP (if you can't do 20th November pick another date in November).
- ☐ Make sure your **Safeguarding Coordinator** or Designated Lead is involved in planning the event.
- ☐ **Publicise** that you are taking part by displaying the Safeguarding Sunday poster and downloading the communications pack.
- ☐ **Notify** your congregation or group in advance that you will be holding a Safeguarding Sunday event (use the sample church communication to do this).
- ☐ Check that your **safeguarding policy** is up to date and that people know where and how to access it.
- ☐ Check that **safeguarding information** is prominently displayed at your premises and on your website, including details of who to contact with any concerns.
- ☐ Make sure your **leadership team** are aware, as well as anyone serving or volunteering on the day of the event especially in any pastoral or prayer related roles.
- ☐ Check that your volunteer and staff **team are aware** of your current Safeguarding Policy, know where to access it, and are up to date with their training.
- ☐ Do people know how to respond and **report concerns** if they arise during or after the event?
- ☐ Schedule time after the event for yourself and those involved in running and participating in the event to **reflect and feed back**. What worked well? Did you feel the key messages were effectively communicated? Did the event raise any issues or highlight any gaps? What could you improve upon next time?

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Sample Church communication

On **[Date of the event]** our church will be marking Safeguarding Sunday 2022. This is an annual awareness-raising campaign coordinated by Thirtyone:eight, an Independent Christian Safeguarding charity, to help churches across the UK share what they're doing to make their places of worship safer for everyone. The theme this year is 'One church, one day, one message'.

As part of the event, we'll be exploring how safeguarding is a demonstration of our Christian faith. We'll talk about the safeguarding arrangements our church has in place, and we'll be thanking the people involved in making this happen. This will be done in an all-age appropriate way using the resources produced by Thirtyone:eight.

Safeguarding Sunday is one part of our ongoing commitment to making our church safer. If this raises any questions or concerns for you, we have named individuals that you can talk to.

They are: **[Name and contact details of your Safeguarding Coordinator or team]**.

Alternatively Thirtyone:eight operates a confidential independent safeguarding Helpline, which you can call Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm on 0303 003 11 11.



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A woman with glasses is shown from the chest up, leaning forward and writing on a clipboard. She is wearing a dark cardigan over a light-colored top. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent pink filter. The text 'Worship material' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

Worship material

Prayers

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer 2022

Dear God,
Help us to be a church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name.
Amen.



Download a video of the prayer to use in your worship service, featuring speakers from across the Church in the UK. thirtyoneeight.org/downloads

For victims and survivors of abuse

Dear God,
We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church, whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name.
For those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape,
For those in pain, bring comfort and healing,
For those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength.
As Church we are one body and if one part suffers, every part suffers with it.
Give to all who suffer people who will listen, support, and walk with them we pray,
Amen

For those working in safeguarding

Dear God,
We pray for all those who serve in a safeguarding role within our Church.
We especially pray for **[Name(s) of your Safeguarding Coordinator or team]**.
Thank you for their willingness and time they give to fulfil this important task.
Give them your wisdom, discernment, and strength.
Help us support them in their role, remember them in our prayers, and respond to their requests and advice so that we might be a safer place for everyone.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Amen

For church leaders

Dear God,

We pray for all those who serve in a position of leadership in our Church.

We especially pray for **[Name(s) of your Leadership team]**.

Thank you for their commitment to serve us in this way.

As they make decisions, set the culture, and seek to lead us in our worship and witness,
give them wisdom, humility, and courage to follow Jesus' example of servant leadership we pray.

Help us support them in their role, remember them in our prayers, and ensure they have others
around them who can help, challenge, and encourage them so that we might be a safer place
for everyone.

In Jesus name

Amen

A responsive prayer

Into the dark places of our world

Where people are frightened and hungry

God bring light, bring love

Into places where people are violent

Into places where people are fighting

God bring light, bring love

Into the places where we feel unsafe

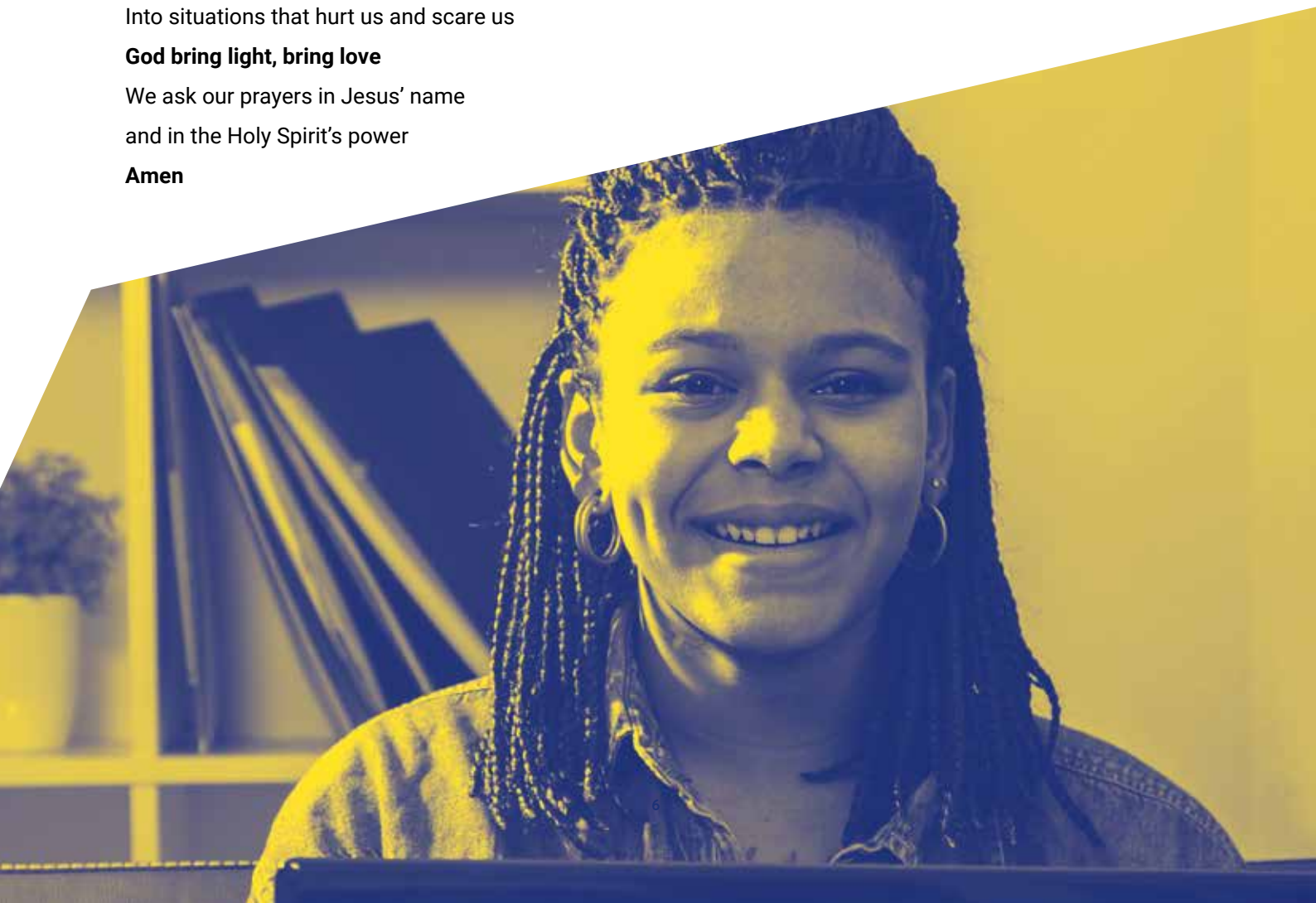
Into situations that hurt us and scare us

God bring light, bring love

We ask our prayers in Jesus' name

and in the Holy Spirit's power

Amen



Scripture verses

These Scripture passages and verses can be used as part of your worship service.

Isaiah 41 verses 10 and 13

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
For I am the LORD your God
who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, Do not fear;
I will help you.

Mark 12:28–31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Proverbs 31:8 (CEV)

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.

John 13:34

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Luke 22:25–26

Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalms 91:1–4 (NLV)

He who lives in the safe place of the Most High will be in the shadow of the All-powerful. I will say to the Lord, “You are my safe and strong place, my God, in Whom I trust.” For it is He Who takes you away from the trap, and from the killing sickness. He will cover you with His wings. And under His wings you will be safe. He is faithful like a safe-covering and a strong wall.

Ephesians 5:8–13

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible — and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Hymns and worship songs

Safeguarding Hymn

May this place be one of nurture where we
all may come to know how your endless love
sustains us as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom full of truth
and light and grace, living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

From our negligence and failures, you have
called us to repent, drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament. As the secret hurts
long hidden may, at last, be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom that is every
person's right.

For you hold the broken-hearted till they learn
to live again, and your justice stands like
mountains, while your mercy falls like rain
when the smallest child is valued, and the
strong empower the weak when each human
life is hallowed, and the unheard voices speak:

So, with humble thanks, we praise you and
we lift to you in prayer all the people you are
calling to this ministry of care. Give us wisdom,
grace, and courage, holding fast to all that's
good, seeing Christ in one another we will love
and serve our Lord.

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Tune: Here is Love vast as the Ocean



A video version of this song is available to download here:
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Hymns

It is well with my Soul – Horatio Spafford

Leaning on the everlasting arms –
Showalter and Elisha Hoffman

Help Us to Help each other, Lord –
Charles Wesley

Be still – David J Evans

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord – Anon

Such Love – Graham Kendrick

Worship songs

Lament and repentance

Give us Clean Hands – Chris Tomlin

Heart of God – Hillsong Young & Free

Lord, I Need You – Matt Maher

Psalm 13 – Shane & Shane

Your Mercy – Paul Baloche

Identity

Who You Say I Am – Hillsong Worship

Overcomer – Lucy Grimble

You Say – Lauren Daigle

Washed – UPPERROOM

Love Came Down – Kari Jobe

Comfort and healing

No Longer Slaves – Bethel Music

You Restore My Soul – New Wine Worship

One Thing Remains – Bethel Music

Shepherd – Oaks Worship

Strong – Oaks Worship

Know (Be Still) – Jeremy Riddle

You Make Me Brave – Bethel Music

Still – Amanda Lindsey Cook

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Liturgy

A safe place and a light

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Welcome

Welcome to this place on Safeguarding Sunday. A day to give thanks for all those working for the good of us all, a day to hold in our hearts all those who have been hurt or harmed by our actions or inaction, a day to look to the future and commit to do our part to make and keep this a safer place.

Let us pray:

God, help us to hear your voice
through the babble of this busy
world
where words are used to confuse,
distract,
manipulate,
sell illusion,
buy power;
help us to be still and receptive to
your healing,
encouraging,
inspiring,
enduring,
life-giving Word.

Amen

When we are happy
When we are full of joy and
laughter

God welcomes us

When we are angry
When people let us down and
make us sad

God welcomes us

When we are tired
When we need to stop and curl
up and rest

God welcomes us

God of welcome
God whose door is always open

We are glad to meet you here

Suggested running order

Song

Prayer

Scripture reading

Song

Scripture reading

Message/Sermon/Reflection

Responsive prayer

Prayers

Song

A survivor's poem or message of hope (see [thirtyoneeight.org/ downloads](https://thirtyoneeight.org/downloads))

Song

God keep us safe in danger

Give us courage and keep us loving

God help us to speak the truth

To stand by those who need our help

God give us friends who love us

Places and people that help us grow

God send us on our way rejoicing

And welcome us safely home

Blessing

May God, who is present
in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide your feet as you go.
May God,
who is with you when you sit
and when you stand,
encompass you with love
and lead you by the hand.
May God, who knows your path
and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting
be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way
that is everlasting.

Song

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Speaker notes

Neighbour – Mark 12:28–31

Here we are again – another Safeguarding Sunday, another day to look at ourselves and our practices, another day to reflect. When we see the headlines and hear the stories of how the Church has got it wrong and people have been harmed we may ask ourselves – how did we allow so much evil to happen? That's one way of looking at it. Or we can dig deeper and unpack what safeguarding really is. How much is safeguarding intrinsic in our Christian lives and how much is just about being a Christian?

We're here today to celebrate the things we're already doing to make our church a safer place, to consider what more can and must be done, but primarily to recognise how central to our faith safeguarding is. It's so easy to get caught up in procedures, form filling, box ticking. And that's not to say that it isn't necessary and worthwhile – our systems and processes are one of the biggest reasons churches are safer today than ever. But let's consider too that being Christ-like in our approach means ensuring that we take care of everyone, consider others, protect the weak and the vulnerable – and have a heart for the wellbeing of all God's creation.

In Mark 12 we hear Jesus refer to the 'most important commandment' (Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength) and without stopping for breath going straight on to say the second is 'love your neighbour as yourself'. But importantly, Jesus then says, "There is no commandment greater than these". Notice the grammar – Jesus does not say there are no commandments greater than these – he doesn't use the plural; he treats both as one commandment. Jesus is saying that we cannot just choose the former without embracing the latter. In other words, for Jesus there is no divide – we can't give our all to God, to love Him completely and then forget about the rest. No, Jesus ties loving God and loving our neighbour inextricably together. Our love for God is incomplete unless that spreads to loving others too. And, let's be

honest, that's what safeguarding is all about. Loving our neighbour as ourselves. Wanting for our neighbour exactly what we want for ourselves.

That is what is (or should be) at the heart of safeguarding for us as Christians – loving others as we love God. When we think about it, there's so much about church that is about guarding people's safety. The friendly call, the pastoral visit, getting shopping, making sure the vulnerable get home safely, bereavement support, hospital visits, toddler groups, children's clubs, home communion – the list goes on. It's all about caring for others, making sure they're okay – loving our neighbour! Yes of course, safeguarding is also about making sure the people that act on behalf of the church are appropriate to do so – and that's crucial because, sadly, not everybody has God's love as a motive. But what we do for our neighbours is about love, about making sure they're safe – taking care of the vulnerable. What does it mean to keep people safe? It's about building a healthy culture in our church that encourages honesty and openness, where, for example, each individual is respected, valued and nurtured. Where every individual is allowed to ask questions and disagree in a safe and respectful manner and where leaders are nurturing and nurtured. It's also shown when safeguarding practice is embedded in every part of the organisation. So let's consider that in the wider context. We will all be vulnerable at some stage in our lives, some for longer and more obviously than others. And we are tasked with being aware of other people's needs and vulnerabilities. As a community we must respond. As Christians we must love our neighbour in whatever way it takes. As a church we must ensure that it is done safely.

John Wesley had a wonderful way of summing up these words of Jesus' when he said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can". Doing that with a heart for God, doing that with a heart for the vulnerable, doing that in the safest possible way. Well, that's safeguarding.

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Thinking contextually – Isaiah 41:10–13

“For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”

These words of comfort were spoken over a people who would find themselves in captivity, delivered into the hands of Assyrians and Babylonians because of the state in which they had gotten themselves into. They had ignored the words of the Lord spoken through his prophets about the reality of their relationship with God. Nobody likes to be told bad news about themselves, but because God’s people refused to listen, they would find themselves in captivity, as God had foretold.

The word of the prophet isn’t simply about what will happen, it’s about what has happened and what is happening. Sometimes that’s an uncomfortable truth.

What has happened and is happening in our churches is a sad account of woeful abuse of those who are not in a position to defend themselves from it.

6% of the 5,440 survivors of abuse who supplied evidence to the recent government Inquiry into Child abuse said their abusers were trusted officials of the established church. In the space of 15 years, 2003–2018, one insurer handled 217 claims relating to child sexual abuse in one denomination.

Much less those who cause it, but could step in to help prevent it, the systems of our churches have historically been inadequate to hear the voice of the victim and survivor, to be willing to believe that trusted men and women in positions of leadership could perpetrate such acts. In one of the most influential cases of our time in which multiple agencies were condemned by Lord Laming for their failure to act, Victoria Climbié’s death in 1999 was something in which a church could also have intervened and protected a vulnerable child.

In our contemporary Church, while we celebrate the vast improvements on safeguarding awareness, policies and procedures in place to protect the vulnerable, we see a new trend emerging of harmful cultures, of stories which reveal the leaders who have neglected to view and treat their peers and their people in the image of God in which they were created – where, as in one case, ‘if they aren’t on the bus, they’re thrown under the bus’.

The hope for God’s people who are humble enough to take note of the state of the Church, which he reveals to us, and to turn to the Lord is found in passages like Isaiah 41:10 and 13. The Lord will help us.

What does God require of us moving forward? Micah 6:8 tells us: “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

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Become like little children – Matthew 18:1–5

Jesus' attitude towards children was revolutionary, affectionate and respectful in a culture that devalued children. In Matthew 18 he uses a child as an example to his disciples that: 'Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.' Jesus uses children as examples of those who are dependent, trustful, simple, open, teachable and excitable. But Jesus' view of children was not sentimental or romanticised. He had brothers and sisters. He no doubt encountered the Nazareth school bully! He had to learn obedience through being subject to his earthly parents. However, the way we treat children is very revealing and Jesus tells us that the way we enter the Kingdom is by becoming like a little child again.

In Matthew 19 children are brought to Jesus for him to pray for them, but the disciples rebuke them. Jesus replies by saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

How does Jesus want us to treat and welcome children in today's culture? Are there ways in which we hinder children from coming to Jesus?

How does he want us to change so that we become more like children in order to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven?

The Kingdom of God is a paradox that can look strange to people outside Church.

The Kingdom is not for the strong; it's for the weak.

The Kingdom is not for the rich; it's for the poor.

The Kingdom is not for the powerful; it's for the powerless.

The Kingdom is not for the proud; it's for the meek.

The Kingdom is not for adults; it's for children.

Jesus encourages us to protect children, involve children, listen to children, and cultivate a childlike faith.

That means building a culture that values the safety and nurture of children and strives to create places of safety that protect children and other vulnerable groups from harm. This also means learning from the past and from where the Church and others have got it wrong. It means working and operating in new, safer ways, and being open to listen and following the guidance of others so that we might make our church a safer place for all God's people.



Activities

I only have a few minutes...

Use the Safeguarding Sunday prayer

If there's only one thing you're able to do, use our Safeguarding Sunday prayer in your service. You'll be joining hundreds of churches and groups across the country who'll all be saying this prayer together. Why not show the video of the prayer said by leaders and representatives from across the UK church?



Download a video of the prayer to use in your service.

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Show one of our short animations

Use one of our short animations or films in your service to help communicate safeguarding in an engaging and family-friendly way. These are really useful for effectively communicating some of the key messages and need little explanation, and can also be used as an introduction to a talk or other activity.



Download one of our short animations.

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Invite your Safeguarding Lead to the front to explain their role

You could do this interview style by asking questions, or ask them to give a talk about their work. If they're feeling brave you could invite people to ask questions!

This could be an opportunity to find out about: Why their role is so crucial, what's involved, and how they contribute to keeping people safe. It's good for people to put a face to a name and explain how people can get in touch or raise concerns if they need to. You could also find out a little about their background, experience and what motivates them to do the role.

Pray for all those working with children, young people and adults

As Christians one of the most important things we can do is pray. Take a few minutes to pray for all those working with children, young people and adults in your church. Pray for your Safeguarding Lead and all those involved in making your church a safer place. You could invite your workers to come forward to be prayed for as a team, inviting your congregation to pray for their various needs and the challenges they face. Use our prayer resources as a guide.

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I have about 20 mins...

Use some of the Scripture readings

Include one or more of the Bible readings listed in this pack connecting with the theme of protecting vulnerable people. You could use these as a basis for your sermon or talk, or as a prompt for quiet meditation or reflection. You could use Proverbs 31:8 as a way of thinking about the biblical mandate to speak out for others.

Take time to pray

Use the prayers in this pack to lead prayers on the theme of protecting vulnerable people. This doesn't just have to be people in your church but could include people who are vulnerable or voiceless in any setting. You could ask a member of your safeguarding team or children's work to share some of their prayer needs, or include any needs from your local community. You could include prayers for people involved in social work, police, education, and welfare.

Sing the Safeguarding Hymn

Use the Safeguarding Hymn as part of your sung worship. Written by Ally Barrett, this hymn is a prayer to bless and affirm the huge number of people involved in safeguarding and creating safer places.

Explain why you have a policy and what it's for

Letting people know that you have a safeguarding policy and why demonstrates that you take safeguarding seriously. You could invite a member of the leadership team to explain how it impacts the work you do and what it includes. Don't forget to let people know where they can see a copy if they want to.

Read together the safeguarding pledge

Read the safeguarding pledge as part of your commitment together to create safer places. Safeguarding is not just a job for the leadership, youth team or Safeguarding Coordinator – it's for everyone. Saying this pledge together recognises the role everyone has to play in this, and highlights some of the ways everyone can help.

I have the whole service...

Use our service liturgy – a safe place and a light

Use our service liturgy for children and adults, compiled specifically for Safeguarding Sunday with kind permission from the Iona Community. 'A safe place and a light' includes prayers, readings and responses that you can use to structure your service.

Use our safeguarding song list

Use our hymn and song list to include the theme of protecting vulnerable people in your sung worship. These are only suggestions – they'll be lots more that you could include so that every part of your worship links to the theme of Safeguarding Sunday.

Preach on the theme of protecting vulnerable people

Throughout the Bible we're given hundreds of examples of God's heart for vulnerable people, and the expectations he places upon communities and societies in how we should respond to and treat people who are vulnerable or voiceless. Use our ready made preaching notes to help craft a sermon or deliver a message on the theme of safer places.

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Resources and activities for children



We've produced a series of worksheets for children to help explain the message of safeguarding.



Download a printable and photocopyable pdf version here:
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You can purchase our Roarry's Rangers Pack from our online shop.



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Theology

On behalf of the voiceless – what the Bible says about safeguarding

At Thirtyone:eight we've worked with Dr Krish Kandiah, social entrepreneur and respected Christian Theologian, to explore what the Bible has to say about the Christian responsibility to protect vulnerable people. We've worked together to create a theology of safeguarding framed within the context of Proverbs 31:8, from where we get our name, and drawing on the wider themes and patterns found throughout scripture. This theology gives us:

The mandate

Every generation must play its part in caring for vulnerable people.

The motivation

Every leader must pursue God's purpose and priorities for vulnerable people.

The mission

Every means must be employed to keep vulnerable people safe, heard and noticed.



Download a copy of On behalf of the Voiceless:
A Theology of Safeguarding here:
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Creating safer places. Together.