

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE



It is hard to think that anything harmful could happen within a Church community, but sadly it can and, on occasion, it does.

A church is a fully inclusive community – we turn no-one away – and for this reason we may, from time to time, have someone among us whose behaviours are abusive.



Abusers are excellent at appearing “normal” and “kind” people – they build this persona.

It is part of our responsibility as Christians to care for and love one another: we cannot do this unless we are prepared to consider that sometimes harm can hide in plain sight.



It is important we look out for anything that seems “not right” to us about someone’s behaviour or notice something that seems odd and share with our Parish Safeguarding Officer.