

SURVIVORS



In 2020 statistically 1 in 5 adults in England and Wales had experienced child abuse and 1 in 100 adults physical neglect.

We will almost certainly have survivors of some kind of harm in our congregations and need to be mindful.



They may have found a way to cope “normally” in their everyday lives, but behaviours may have developed as coping mechanisms – for example if someone seems abrupt, withdrawn or determined to sit at the back they may have good reason.

It's important we are not judgemental about these behaviours, but open and invitational in our interactions.

Your Parish Safeguarding Officer is: