



## Safeguarding Sunday

This October join us as we seek to raise awareness of safeguarding in our churches.

The 'Safeguarding Sunday' campaign is a great opportunity for your church to highlight all it is doing to create safer places, and to publicly thank and acknowledge all those working tirelessly behind the scenes to make it happen.

It's your chance to:

- talk about all you have in place to safeguard vulnerable people
- explain why safeguarding is so important
- introduce your safeguarding team
- acknowledge and thank your volunteers
- pledge together as a church to create safer places for all

You'll be joining with churches up and down the country who throughout October will be highlighting all the incredible work that is being done, and sharing the good safeguarding stories from within the church.

Bishop Peter Hancock, the Church of England's lead safeguarding Bishop said:

"Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message and so we want to take this opportunity to show our communities that we take this mandate seriously.

"Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and our churches work every day of the year to ensure they are safe places for all and it is always good to recognise this important commitment.

"Do support Safeguarding Sunday on October 13, being promoted by thirtyone:eight, both to raise awareness and remind everyone why safeguarding is so important."

thirtyone:eight is an independent Christian charity which helps individuals, organisations, charities, faith and community groups to protect vulnerable people from abuse, and the charity has created a pack full of ideas to help your church get involved, including posters, prayers, song ideas, activities and preaching plans. Put Sunday 13th October 2019 in your church calendar (if you can't do the 13th pick another date in October) and access the church resource pack [here](#).

There are also safeguarding resources and prayers designed for use in worship, on the [Church of England website](#).