

Our Safeguarding Prayer

Saviour, Lord, thank you for calling us to the service of others in our congregation here in St Thomas.

Always help us to follow your example, creating an environment where children and the most vulnerable in our society feel nurtured and allowed to flourish and grow in Christ.

Father God, we seek to ensure our church is a welcoming and safe place for all who enter our doors.

Everyone is known to You, You have called us by our name and each one of us has a value and a dignity. Created in Your own image, it is our duty, as Christians, to value all people.

Give us the courage to be vigilant at all times, never looking away or shirking from our responsibility to confront and challenge abuse whenever it happens.

Understanding God, give us a compassionate heart to reach out to all who have suffered abuse and offer them and their families reassurance and support and help them to heal.

Always make us mindful that it is You alone who is the judge of all people. Help us not to be self-righteous or judgemental and help us to maintain the confidentiality You have entrusted in us.

Reassuring God, help us to establish in St Thomas a listening community where victims feel able to disclose abuse, confident that they will be believed and supported.

Direct us and all who work to safeguard children and vulnerable adults in the community to seek to eradicate abuse of any kind in Your church and Your world.

Amen