



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

CARE OF VICTIMS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

RECOGNISE

that many survivors don't trust the Bishops and the National Safeguarding Team to fix this problem

RESPOND

to the needs of survivors with a restorative approach. Ditch the current lawyer-led, adversarial culture

RECORD

all safeguarding concerns and publish the data. It's the first step in owning the scale of the problem

REPORT

all abuse directly to statutory services. End the church's "keep it in the family" policy.

My pledge to victims of church abuse

I acknowledge that for many years the church has failed victims of church abuse, and it is my responsibility as a leader to put this right

I will put the well-being of the victim ahead of the career or reputation of any individual, or of the church itself.

I will listen attentively to the experience of victims, however inconvenient or painful that listening may be.

I will see to it that from now on allegations of abuse are managed by people who are wholly independent of the church.

I will act swiftly on claims of abuse, communicating honestly and openly and ensuring that victims receive immediate and independent support.

I agree that victims should receive prompt settlements from the church, and that no victim or perpetrator should be asked to sign a gagging order (NDA).

Name

Date