THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

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.

