



DIOCESE OF TRURO  
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM  
GROWING THE CHURCH

## *Our Ethos*

Where you see 'safeguarding', read 'good pastoral care'.

Respectful care and nurture of each other is at the heart of a healthy church.

### "Love one another"

An expression of this love is fundamental to the teachings of the Church: *'Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God' (Micah 6:8)*.

The well-being of our church communities is entirely dependent upon the church personnel understanding and embracing these first principles.

Relationships between people in our church communities drive our work, and it is these relationships that affect our culture, and determine our ability to keep people safe and their well-being protected. In churches where power is misused, those more vulnerable are at an increased risk of harm. Secrets, miscommunication or even bullying can sometimes be experienced.

Churches with a transparent and inclusive approach to their work are most likely to be the ones that embrace good quality safeguarding practices because they take the respectful care and nurture of each other seriously.

Care for all is important and sometimes challenging when needs are conflicting, but our commitment to meet this challenge is real, and help and support can often be found regardless of your circumstances. [Click here](#) if you would like support around your own or a loved one's harmful behaviour.

Sound Safeguarding practices, regardless of the context in which they are encountered, are expected to be the same standards. The Church is not a 'special case'.

Harm caused to another within a relationship of unequal power, is always unacceptable. This diocese wholeheartedly accepts its role within the larger community to work cooperatively with partner agencies to reduce the opportunities to cause harm, for those who wish to do so, to protect vulnerable people from abuse and to promote each other's welfare.

We recognise that we have not always reached the standards required, and that people have been hurt. The Church nationally and in this diocese too, we understand our responsibilities to those who have been harmed, and remain keen to listen, support and continue to learn from this group of people.