

**The Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA) was published in October 2020. Our, The parish of St Michael and All Angels, response to this, is as follows:**

We at St Michael and All Angels are appalled by the conclusions of the report and the horrific experiences some have had to endure. We want you to know that we stand shoulder to shoulder with survivors of abuse whether recent or historic, and we strongly encourage ANYONE who feels they are the subject of abuse or who has concerns about others to get in touch with us, in confidence. We have a dedicated Safeguarding Officer, Nicola Spencer ([safeguarding@stmichaelandallangels-hatfield.org](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaelandallangels-hatfield.org)) and as we are in vacancy, Team Rector Fr Darren ([frdarren@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frdarren@yahoo.co.uk)) can be contacted at any time.

At St Michael and All Angels we think of ourselves as a welcoming, inclusive and loving congregation offering ongoing development of faith and worship in safe spaces. All people in positions of responsibility within our church have been DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked, and all members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) have undergone safeguarding training. We also have a pastoral care team, whose work includes identifying anyone who looks like they may be in need of support.

Our main purpose is to worship God, serve our community and grow in faith, and we very much hope that these words might offer some reassurance that St Michael and All Angels remains a safe and supportive place where we can all continue to worship with confidence.