



# Lichfield Diocese's first Diocesan Safeguarding Conference



**Saturday, 20 September 2025**

**9.30am - 4.30pm**

**Hosted by Telford Minster**

**A day to come together, to share good practice, to get answers from the safeguarding and admin teams and to learn from amazing speakers. Come with your questions for the Q&A session.**



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# Programme

## Morning

Coffee and refreshments will be available from

0930-1000

Welcome and housekeeping (facilities, fire exits, order of the day, who's here and more)

1000-1010

Worship - (Archdeacon Megan)

1010-1020

Introduction to the Day (Bishop Michael / Sam Rushton)

1020-1040

Liz Jermy introducing our main speaker: Jo Douglas

1040-1045

MAIN SPEAKER - Jo Douglas: 'What is Trauma? Who does this happen to and what does it look like?

1045-1130

Coffee Break

1130-1145

How can we become a trauma informed, safer space, church community?

11:45-12:30

## Afternoon

### Lunch

1230-1330

*\*If you are new to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, join the Bishop's Staff and Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel Members for lunch; room tbc\**

*Lunchtime is the last chance to submit your questions for the Q&A session*

### Seminars

Safe Spaces – victim /survivor support

Dementia – safeguarding and managing risk

1330-1420

### Coffee Break

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### Question and Answer panel

1525-1610

### Conclusion and Reflection (Bishop Michael)

1615-1630

# Lichfield Diocese ...

... We are family: a family of parishes, communities, clergy, lay ministers, archdeacons, bishops, canons and communities.

We are the Church of England in the Black Country, Staffordshire and North Shropshire, covering an area of 1740 square miles and a population of over 2 million people.

There are over 540 churches in 424 parishes with around 500 clergy - plus over 200 Church schools and academies.

Safeguarding is at the heart of all of them and at the heart of the well-being and flourishing of all those who attend or visit them. Thank you for what you do to make that a reality and thank you for caring enough today to come and spend a day at this conference. It has been our pleasure to host it.

Liz Jermy and the Safeguarding Team

