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Dear Parish Community Member,

Message from INEQE's Independent Safeguarding Audit Team

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process, we hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (we are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses.

The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England.

The survey is now live and will close at **11.30 pm on Tuesday 8 th of December 2026.**

To access the survey relevant to you please visit:
https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/

Contacting the Audit Team

Should you wish to share any further information or if you would be interested in participating in a focus group you can contact the Audit team via: https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/#contact

This is monitored only by INEQE's Audit team.

NOTE: The only time an individual's confidential engagement with the Audit team might be breached would be in the event of a disclosure of suspected harm to a child, adult at risk or criminal conduct. In such circumstances the information will only be shared with the appropriate statutory agency.

We look forward to hearing from you and want to encourage each of you to share your views and experiences with us.

Yours sincerely,



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