



## **A statement from the Bishop of Norwich following the publication of the Makin report and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury**

"I have been utterly appalled by the contents of the Makin Review into the crimes of John Smyth and the response of those who knew about them. Of most concern to me, and the focus of my thoughts and prayers, are the survivors of his horrific abuse.

I have been in touch with Archbishop Justin over the past few days and support him in his decision to resign. He and his family are in my prayers. It is up to all of us working in the Church of England today to ensure that everyone who comes into contact with the Church is kept safe.

That has been and will continue to be my priority as I serve the people and places of the Diocese of Norwich.

My prayers are with all of those who have come to terrible harm through our failures."