



Anglican Church of Australia

Primate: The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

A statement on the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

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The Makin Review into the Church of England's handling of allegations of serious abuse by the late John Smyth reminds us all of the ongoing need to make the safety of children and other vulnerable people our absolute priority.

I have known Justin Welby as a good and decent man with a focus on protecting vulnerable people.

He has, however, clearly acknowledged failures in this case and has taken responsibility as the leader of the Church of England.

We continue to pray for the victims of abuse wherever it has occurred and for Justin, his wife Caroline and their children.