**Independent Review**

About a year ago Dr Adi Cooper, an Independent Safeguarding Consultant, was appointed by the Diocese of Oxford to carry out a review into the circumstances surrounding the trial and conviction of Ben Field. Dr Cooper came to Stowe Church one Sunday last autumn and spoke with those in the congregation who wished to speak with her.

The review was made public today and is available to read on the diocesan website - see link below.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/safeguarding/learning-reviews/events-in-stowe-maids-moreton/>

There is no need to read the report and indeed for many of us I know our desire now is to hold on to the memories of our good friend Peter and to leave the sadness behind.

If, however you do decide to read it and feel you would like to talk to someone about it, there is below a list of people whom you can contact who will be happy to speak with you in confidence. Also attached is a leaflet from the diocese that you might find helpful.

Above all we must remember that we believe and trust in the all-powerful, loving and one true God who gives us the strength to go on every day.

May you know God and be comforted by him in your every need.

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