

# Keeping us Safe

## Covid-19 and Modern Slavery

The Diocese has been made aware that we are likely to see an increase in incidents of modern slavery.

The shortage of labour to gather in the harvest, produce etc could disproportionately impact on our rural areas, as organised criminal gangs seek to exploit this 'gap in the market'.

One of the largest groups that end up drawn into slavery and exploited in this way are not from abroad, but from right here in the UK.

Please be alive to this issue within your parishes, and alert a member of the DSA team if you have any concerns of this nature.

[This 'rapid read'](#) provides some handy tips and advice on this subject, along with a number of QR codes that can be used for further information.

The DSAs have a number of single points of contact within the Police and other organisations involved with Modern Slavery, where information can be passed on safely and securely.