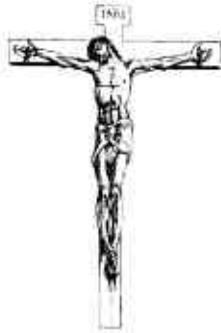


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REPORT: PROCEEDINGS - ST PAULS CATHEDRAL 28.01.2026 AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR VICTIMS
ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS – THE WHOLE TRUTH – FROM A VICTIM

You will know that I entered a Verbal Objection at St Paul's Cathedral as an Impediment on safeguarding grounds – and especially concerning the failures of Sarah Mullally (SM) and her part in the suicide of Revd Alan Griffin (AG).

In Common Law and Precedent – as in a Wedding ceremony in a Church – if an Objector states that there is an Impediment (such as the marriage of John and Mary here to be married cannot proceed because he is already to Jane in Truro) then there is a stop on proceeding until it is proved or cleared by document and Law. The same Applies to the Confirmation of the Election of SM as archbishop.

The media commentators clearly understood and stated that there was a Church Service with a pause for the legal actions to take place. St Paul's was both the House of God, and a Court.

I did NOT interrupt the Church Service. John Bannon (JB), sometime Churchwarden, is a witness.

At the time of the legal proceedings Timothy Briden (TB), vicar general (and much else), was wearing a long wig and the various others in legal dress and the bishops re-constituted themselves as a Court for legal purpose.

I carefully waited until a verbal pause occurred so that no-one was speaking. I chose the point where it was openly stated in the written programme, and in speaking, that there were No Objections.

As this was NOT true – I stood up and stated that "I Objected".

In a Court there are two sides which present their case in the matter before a judge or jury. How can this be a fair hearing in a Court if only one side was allowed to speak ? This is contrary to more than a thousand years of legal precedent and the explicit provisions of Magna Carta, as well as the Court Procedure Rules enacted by Parliament. Only one side spoke in St Paul's.

I continued by stating that there was a major safeguarding failure by SM that resulted in the suicide of AG. I stated that this was an Impediment.

I was speaking not just for AG and myself but for all the victims of SM safeguarding failures which I have been told number 37 (I have no proof of this number). It is apparent that most of these have never been satisfactorily handled either legally or pastorally. "N" has left the UK. "O" cannot cope. Others are afraid to stand up in public. I am NOT.

SM was Senior Nursing Office of NHS with remit and stated job specification of Safeguarding Lead. She cannot therefore claim ignorance of correct procedure. Where is the Risk Assessment for AG ?

Where is my Risk Assessment ? I sought this by Subject Assess legal Request (SAR) and have been denied. The only reason can be that it does NOT exist. Otherwise it would be produced to show to all.

Where is the evidence of pastoral care that should come from a bishop ? There is none for AG. My SAR for this was refused. John Bannon, Church Warden at the time, was very clear about SM failings in this respect. He wrote to the Church times. Neither his published Letter or any of his e mails to SM were answered by SM. Rude beyond belief – and on the important matter of my suicidal ideation.

SM was notified by Lambeth Palace, bishop Timothy Thornton, that I had suicidal ideation because of SM treatment of me. Three weeks later (if memory is correct) I received an e mail stating that SM had referred me to an agency ! The Samaritans (founded by a priest) and common sense says that when you know - YOU - act to stop - and give all possible assistance yourself. SM did nothing at the time of my crisis, and nothing pastoral whatsoever afterwards to assist me. JM e mails witness.

Scott, the St Paul's senior security office, had introduced himself to me (my picture was on a photo identity sheet with others) before I entered the Cathedral. He placed two guards behind me and one at each pillar RHS aisle when I had taken my seat in the Nave. He positioned security guards around me.

In particular the security guard of middle height, black beard and hair and eyes, and medium build – who after my short verbal Objection - who shouted at me, and used physical effort to hasten me out of the Cathedral. I protested that I had a walking difficulty. I was using a stick as an aid. Outside the door he put his hand and my back as if to push me down the extremely steep steps. I felt his hand. I said "Cant you see I have a walking stick". I grabbed the handrail. I nearly went down very badly and could have been seriously injured, if not killed, if my head had been hit by a granite step on the tumble downwards. I am complaining to the Dean and Chapter, and making a Charge of Assault to the City Police. John Bannon confirms that he witnessed this as he was behind me at the time.

In the Cathedral TB perpetrated a disgraceful deceit, a public farce concerning Objections.

It was never made known that Objections could only be made before 18th December 2025 when the King signed the Mandate. We presume that he was NOT informed of AG suicide and SM safeguarding failings. Therefore when we were told that Objections had to be in before 16th January 2026 it was a LIE that they could be received and properly and judicially considered because the King had already been persuaded to Sign.

Further we were told that adequate Notice had been given (about the "dead" period of non-valid Objection time) by a Notice at St Paul's and Lambeth Palace. This "parochial" Banns of Marriage type publication is another farce and further deceit because every cathedral in more than half UK where the archbishop has jurisdiction, and all their parishes, and all the media were NOT notified to publicize the possibility of Objecting. This is notable Public Disgrace. The whole principle of being able to Object in a public arena (and accountability) is lost by this sleight of hand

I had written to TB 03.01.2026 to request details of the procedure (and therefore ability of Object) and received NO RESPONSE. I telephoned 5 times. Eventually I spoke to TB to be informed that I was out of time – when I had had 2 clear weeks – from the date of my Letter (if the abortive and "dead" period was useable). He had vacated this by NOT replying. After 3 e mails containing my Letter he informed me that I could appear before him (with 1 days Notice) to present my Objections (which in any case would be ignored as I have since discovered because of the royal signature).

I prepared a clear and well written presentation of 32 pages of 3 Impediments – that of Safeguarding, that of Bullying, and that of Breaking the 9th Commandment through lies and Perjury – with documentary proof. All to no avail. On the Monday I received the “You cannot Object after the King has signed” – a total farce and waste of time.

I had presented the 6 points of Manslaughter by Gross Negligence of the culpability for the suicide AG. This most serious indictment was simply ignored.

As the purported Hearing was in an office room and was NOT a public Court held under the Coat of Arms of the King I challenge both its purpose and its validity . It was nothing to do with HMCTS.

I have stated in response that I Require the Appeal procedure immediately. So far NO RESPONSE.

The safeguarding and suicide AG were notified in writing 18.11.2024 to National Safeguarding C/E. Ignored. The same with many documents was sent to Lord Evans in the New Year as chairman of the committee to appoint the new archbishop, and also to Stephen Knott the secretary to the appointments committee. No response. A whole year elapsed without any action – and then SM is appointed with her safeguarding history of failures and hurt and harm and suicide.

14.11.2028 - SM says on ITV News 10pm “The Church MUST listen to the people”. Why is her own dictum ignored. The people are leaving because of safeguarding failings.

The Church does everything it can to NOT allow any criticism of the bishops. No actions called Clergy Discipline have ever succeeded or been allowed. Welby dismissed mine about SM with “No case to Answer”!!!

The Church acts as a dictator. The Church uses gagging orders called “Non-Disclosure”. How very Christian. It cannot face criticism. It is “Putinesque” – saying what we should believe that it wants us to accept, and purports that this the truth in the face of evidence to the contrary. It believes its own falsehoods - such as “there is not really a safeguarding problem”.

If there is nothing to be ashamed of why the cover-up and lack of transparency ? Why can we NOT call the bishops to accountability for what they have done and what they have failed to do ? Mary Hassell the Coroner for AG suicide was clear that “he could not cope” because of the actions of disclosure of his medical records, the false allegations of sexual misbehaviour, and the suggestion (untrue) that he was under police investigation. Who is responsible for these ?

Joanne Grenfell, lead bishop on safeguarding, told BBC that the Church had made mistakes, that they had learnt lessons, and they were doing better.

I respond by saying that actions in the future may show this but that actions (failures) in the past MUST attract accountability.

Mistakes in the past should NOT have happened given SM time in NHS as safeguarding lead. There is a suicide for which to account – in full.

THE VICTIMS ALL REQUIRE ACCOUNTABILITY. So does the Public. There is No Confidence in C/E handling of these matters.

It has been stated repeatedly that the occasion in St Pauls' was “historic”. I agree – but for its total disregard of safeguarding and victims.

WHO WILL ACT TO PROTECT US AND DEAL WITH ACCOUNTABILITY PAST – AND IN THE FUTURE ?

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