



January 19, 2025

Dear Falls Church Community,

The Falls Church, an Episcopal congregation in the Diocese of Virginia, continues to grieve over allegations of sexual abuse between 1990 and 2002 by a former employee of what became The Falls Church Anglican while that congregation was resident in the campus that is now our church home. While The Falls Church Anglican advised us of those allegations in early 2024, the article published in *The Washington Post* on 16 January 2025 only amplifies our grief for those affected. As we have previously advised our congregation, we have offered help and support to the leadership of The Falls Church Anglican as they and law enforcement continue to investigate.

We continue to hold The Falls Church Anglican in our prayers, as we pray for healing and peace for the victims, their families, and all affected.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, help is available at the 24-hour National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1.800.656.4673.

Please know that I am available to answer any questions you have, and that Mother Julius and I are available to support our congregation as each of us processes the continued revelations of sexual abuse that occurred prior to the return of our Episcopal congregation to the historic Falls Church campus.

In Christ's peace,

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon
Rector