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The real danger here is that these stories are used to suggest that the CofE is as bad as Rome, both in abuse and cover-up.

The aim must be to distance the current ABC from it as much as poss. All actions must serve that purpose in my view.

I'll work on some lines. Thanks GP

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**From:** Andrew Nunn  
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To report: Elizabeth Hall (C of E Safeguarding Officer) has just popped in to check some names in connection with Colin Campbell's (BBC) investigation into the Diocese of Chichester's response to child abuse. She had 14 names on a list of clergy over whom there were concerns. I had not heard of most of them.

Elizabeth will keep us briefed. She is going to Chichester for a meeting this afternoon. The story is growing alarmingly however. Two points to report now:

- Glazebrook - it has now come to light that Bishop John Hind (Chichester) received information that Glazebrook had been abusing the lad Christopher Hunnisett about four months after Glazebrook was murdered in 2001, but did not pass the information on to the police. Hunnisett was jailed in 2002 for Glazebrook's murder; the conviction was overturned in September this year. I don't need to spell it out: not only was a young man sexually abused by an Anglican priest but the 17 year old was sent to jail for murder on the back of it.
- Pritchard/Cotton - the handling of the Pritchard/Cotton cases has caused a good deal of difficulty. You may recall that Mr Meekings did a report into the handling of the case but it was suppressed by the Bishop of Chichester on the ground that it was defamatory to Bishop Wallace Benn (Lewes). The controversy within the diocese has led to the resignation of the Child Protection Officer. It is understood that +Chichester has asked Elizabeth Butler-Sloss to do an independent review. He knows her apparently (?and thinks he and Benn will be safe in her hands).

I understand from Elizabeth that Peter Crumpler's view at the moment is that +Hind may have to be thrown to the press as a sacrifice. The potential scale of the scandal though -

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(As a final piquant detail, it is becoming clear that those who abuse children are almost always opposed to the ordination of women. Among child protection officers opposition to the ordination of women is becoming seen as a risk factor!)

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