

Safeguarding Policy



Our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

You can read our full [safeguarding policy statement here](#).

This has been agreed by the PCC of the church and is in accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements '*Promoting a Safer Church*' (2017) and '*Protecting All God's Children*' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy '*Promoting a Safer Diocese*' (2018)

Who can help you?

If you are worried these are the people at St Michael and All Angels you can contact if you have any questions, worries or concerns – either for yourself or regarding the safeguarding of other adults or children. They are:



Safeguarding Officer – Jane McCabe



Children's Champion – Fr Thomas Couper

If you want to speak or write to Jane or Fr Thomas please ring the Parish Office on 020 8994 1380 or email on parishoffice@smaaa.org.uk

Vicar: Fr Kevin Morris

St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park

Priory Avenue,

Chiswick, London W4 1TT

020 8994 1380 – out of office contact number always available or email parishoffice@smaaa.org.uk

Churchwardens

Helen Wareham helenratcliffe@bdb-law.co.uk Christina Balmer padina_uk@hotmail.com

Other places to find help and support

Do remember that if any situation is an emergency, or a child or adult is in immediate danger, the matter should be reported immediately to the police and/or social services.

There are support and advice and action lines locally in Hounslow as follows

Police

Emergency telephone: 999

Non-emergencies telephone: 101

TO REPORT ONLINE TO THE POLICE VISIT: <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Report Domestic Violence - Hounslow Housing

Phone: 020 8583 4000 from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Local Authority out of hours emergency social care duty team: call 020 8748 8588

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 24 hour helpline 0808 2000 247
(<http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk>)

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For 24/7 confidential support and information call 0808 2000 247

website: National Domestic Violence website

email: helpline@womensaid.org.uk

The helpline is answered by fully trained female helpline support workers and volunteers who will answer your call in confidence. All calls to the helpline are free from mobiles and landlines.

Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141

Family lives (formerly Parentline): 0808 800 222

For children

NSPCC

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact NSPCC 24/7 for help, advice and support on 0808 800 5000.

Childline: call 0800 1111 (<https://www.childline.org.uk>)

Local Authority Children's Services/Social Care: call 0208 753 6600 or

email Familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk

Thirtyone:eight (formerly Churches Child Protection Advisory Service): 24 hour helpline 0303 003 11 11

Other Support

Victim Support

Victim Support can help you if you have experienced domestic violence. Their services are confidential and free. They can help you regardless of whether you've told the police or anyone else about the abuse.

Call Supportline for free on 0808 168 9111 (open Monday to Friday 8pm-8am and 24 hours on the

weekend). They can also help if English is not your first language.

Samaritans 24 hour helpline: 116 123

London Diocesan Safeguarding: call 02079321224 or
email safeguarding@london.anglican.org

If you are not able to contact anybody at St Michael's or your concern relates to one of the church leaders, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team should be contacted directly.