



St Helen's  
Bishopsgate

# **PCC policy statement**

## **Responding to domestic abuse**

ST HELEN BISHOPSGATE & ST PETER-UPON-CORNHILL

**All forms of domestic abuse are wrong and must stop. We are committed to promoting and supporting environments which:**

- ensure that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse;
- protect those vulnerable to domestic abuse from actual or potential harm;
- recognise equality amongst people and within relationships;
- enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently.

**We recognise that:**

- all forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship;
- all survivors have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- domestic abuse can occur in all communities;
- domestic abuse may be a single incident, but is usually a systematic, repeated pattern which escalates in severity and frequency;
- domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse by the perpetrator of the abusive behaviour;
- working in partnership with children, adults and other agencies is essential in promoting the welfare of any child or adult suffering abuse.

**We will endeavour to respond to domestic abuse by:**

**In all our activities**

- valuing, listening to and respecting both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

**In our publicity**

- raising awareness about other agencies, support services, resources and expertise.

**When concerns are raised**

- ensuring that those who have experienced abuse can find safety and informed help;
- working with the appropriate statutory bodies during an investigation into domestic abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community.

**In our care**

- ensuring that informed and appropriate pastoral care is offered to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse;
- identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

# Contact names and details

## Church safeguarding committee

Associate Rector (Chair)  
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Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO)  
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Evidence Checker & Safeguarding  
Administrator  
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## Ministry area leaders

### Sunday morning meeting

(including crèche, Sunday school, Central Focus, Central Focus weekend, Long weekend, 10.30 weekend, occasional seminars, Christianity Explored)

Charlie Skrine  
[c.skrine@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:c.skrine@st-helens.org.uk)

### Sunday Mandarin meeting

(including crèche, Sunday school, IGG weekend, 2.30pm weekend)

Henry Eatock-Taylor  
[h.eatock-taylor@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:h.eatock-taylor@st-helens.org.uk)

### Sunday afternoon meeting

(including crèche, Sunday school, Food at 5s, 4pm weekends)

Aneirin Glyn  
[a.glyn@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:a.glyn@st-helens.org.uk)

### Sunday evening meeting

(including RML, RML weekends, RML training weekends, leaders' weekend, Christianity Explored)

Mickey Mantle  
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### Little Pickles and Women on Wednesday

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### City ministry

(including Partnership, City Summer School, City weekend)

Wesley Illingsworth  
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### City offsite

Wesley Illingsworth  
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### Student ministry

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### Youth

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## Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA)

Maggie McMahon, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

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## National contacts

- **Thirtynine:Eight** helpline: 0303 003 11 11
- **City of London Corporation Children and Families Team** 020 7332 3621 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm) 020 8356 2710 (weekdays after 5pm, weekends and bank holidays)
- **City of London Social Care Services** 020 7332 1224 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm) 020 8356 2300 (weekdays after 5pm, weekends and bank holidays)

## Helplines

- **NSPCC** for adults concerned about a child: 0808 800 5000
- **Childline** for children and young people: 0800 1111
- **Action on Elder Abuse** helpline 0808 808 8141
- **24-hour National Domestic Violence** helpline 0808 2000 247
- **NAPAC** offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse: 08088010331
- **Stop It Now** helps prevent child sexual abuse: 0808 1000 900
- **Cruse** bereavement helpline 0808 808 1677
- **Family Lives** provides support and advice on family issues: 0808 800 222
- **MACSAS** for people who have been abused by church officers: 0808 801 0340
- **Samaritans** for people struggling to cope and needing someone to talk to: 116 123

## Sources of support for victims and families of abuse

- **The Survivors Trust** <http://thesurvivorstrust.org>
- **Safeline** [www.safeline.org.uk/what-can-friends-and-family-members-do-to-support-survivors-of-sexual-abuse](http://www.safeline.org.uk/what-can-friends-and-family-members-do-to-support-survivors-of-sexual-abuse)
- **SupportLine** [www.supportline.org.uk/problems/rape\\_sexual-assault.php](http://www.supportline.org.uk/problems/rape_sexual-assault.php)
- **Victim Support** [www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/childhood-abuse](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/childhood-abuse)

## Websites

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| <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk">www.nspcc.org.uk</a>                           | <a href="http://www.womensaid.org.uk">www.womensaid.org.uk</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.restoredrelationships.org">www.restoredrelationships.org</a> | <a href="http://www.stopitnow.org.uk">www.stopitnow.org.uk</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.scie.org.uk">www.scie.org.uk</a>                             | <a href="http://www.ceop.police.uk">www.ceop.police.uk</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.elderabuse.org.uk">www.elderabuse.org.uk</a>                 | <a href="http://www.ageuk.org.uk">www.ageuk.org.uk</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.barnardos.org.uk">www.barnardos.org.uk</a>                   | <a href="http://www.spiritualabuse.com">www.spiritualabuse.com</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.modernslavery.co.uk">www.modernslavery.co.uk</a>             | <a href="https://carers.org">https://carers.org</a>  |
| <a href="https://thirtynineeight.org/">https://thirtynineeight.org/</a>          | <a href="http://www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding">www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding</a> |