



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

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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
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Sunday Mandarin meeting

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

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Sunday afternoon meeting

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

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Sunday evening meeting

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Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA)

Maggie McMahon, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

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National contacts

- **Thirtyone: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
- **SupportLine** www.supportline.org.uk/problems/rape_sexual-assault.php
- **Victim Support** www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/childhood-abuse

Websites

www.nspcc.org.uk	www.womensaid.org.uk
www.restoredrelationships.org	www.stopitnow.org.uk
www.scie.org.uk	www.ceop.police.uk
www.elderabuse.org.uk	www.ageuk.org.uk
www.barnardos.org.uk	www.spiritualabuse.com
www.modernslavery.co.uk	https://carers.org
https://thirtyoneeight.org/	www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding