



St Mary and  
St John the Divine

BALHAM

## Safeguarding Contact Details and Policies

St Mary's Church, Balham, takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults with the utmost seriousness. Contact details and policies can be found here.

### Contact Details for PSOs and Churchwardens

#### Our Parish Safeguarding Officers

Sandra Bassett

[safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk)

020 8675 3278

Julia de Cruz

[safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk)

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#### Churchwardens

Pauline Lacey

07957 158650

[churchwardens@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stmarybalham.org.uk)

Diane Holmes

020 8677 8947

### Local Authority Social Services (Wandsworth)

Adults: 020 8871 7707

Children: 020 8871 6622

Out of hours: 020 8871 6000

### Key Helpline Information

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours)

Phone if you are worried about a child

Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours)

Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours)

Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse

Samaritans Helpline: 116 123 (open 24 hours)

Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141 (Free phone Mon to Fri 9 – 5pm)

### Contact Details for Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers

#### Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers

Hugh Constant 020 7939 9423

[hugh.constant@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:hugh.constant@southwark.anglican.org)

Marie Daly 020 7939 9441; mobile 07946 255295

[marie.daly@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:marie.daly@southwark.anglican.org)

Louise Vernon 020 7939 9462; mobile 07946 255622

[louise.vernon@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:louise.vernon@southwark.anglican.org)

We follow the policies and guidelines of the Diocese of Southwark's 'A Safe Church', which can be accessed here:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>

Please also see the Parish Safeguarding Handbook:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-03/Parish%20Safeguarding%20Handbook%20March%202019.pdf>

# Promoting a safer church

*The care and protection of children, young people, and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church*

House of Bishops  
Safeguarding Policy  
for children, young  
people, & adults

## If you are concerned

*that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or, if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **SANDRA BASSETT**  
Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**  
Tel: **020 8675 3278**  
E-mail: [safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk)

Name: **JULIA DE CRUZ**  
Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**  
Tel: **020 8675 3278**  
E-mail: [safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk)

Name: **HUGH CONSTANT**  
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**  
Tel: **020 7939 9423 or 07982 279713**  
E-mail: [hugh.constant@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:hugh.constant@southwark.anglican.org)

**Wandsworth Safeguarding:**  
**020 8871 6622 or 020 8871 6000**

**If there is immediate risk or danger, please contact the Police on 101.**

## OUR COMMITMENTS

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

## Helplines

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 8010331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

 **THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



## Parish of St Mary & St John the Divine, Balham

### Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting on **22 JULY 2020**.

In accordance with the Church of England 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 who may pose a present risk to others.

The parish will:

- create a safe and caring place for all
- have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the Incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures
- safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse
- ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish
- display on church premises and on the parish website the details of whom to contact with safeguarding concerns or support needs
- listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse
- take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including immediately notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies
- offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred
- care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties
- ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually
- review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practice at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints

**SANDRA BASSETT**  
and  
**JULIA DE CRUZ**

as the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Incumbent: **THE REVD DR ROBERT TOBIN**

Churchwardens: **PAULINE LACEY and JANET JONES**

Date: **22 JULY 2020**



## Parish of St Mary & St John the Divine, Balham

### Policy for Responding to Domestic Abuse

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting on **22 JULY 2020**.

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 (regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity) 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, through providing information in public and women-only areas of relevance to survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse
- 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.

If you have any concerns or need to talk to anyone, please contact:

**SANDRA BASSETT**

or

**JULIA DE CRUZ**

(contact details on nearby poster)