

Safeguarding Contact Details and Policies

St Mary's Church, Balham, takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults with the utmost seriousness.

In an emergency, if you suspect that you or someone is at risk of immediate harm, phone 999.

Contact Details for PSOs and Churchwardens:

Our Parish Safeguarding officers

Julia de Cruz
safeguarding@stmarybalham.org.uk
020 8675 3278

Jack Lawson
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Churchwardens

Diane Holmes
churchwardens@stmarybalham.org.uk

Nicola Morton
churchwardens@stmarybalham.org.uk

Local Authority Social Services (Wandsworth)

Children/young persons: 020 8871 6622 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Outside of these hours and on weekends 020 8871 6000 or email the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) mash@wandsworth.gov.uk

Adults: 020 8871 7707 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Outside of these hours contact 020 8871 6000

For information relating to other boroughs please visit <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

Key Helpline Information

[NSPCC Child Protection Helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk): 0808 800 5000 (free to call) or email help@nspcc.org.uk.
Phone if you are worried about a child.

[Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk): 0800 1111: (lines are free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

[National Domestic Abuse Helpline](https://www.nationaldomesticabusehelpline.org): 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.

[Samaritans Helpline](https://www.samaritans.org): 116 123 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

[Hourglass helpline](#) (previously called 'Action on Elder Abuse'): 080 8809 8141 (lines free and open 24 hours).

Contact Details for Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding referrals/general enquiries: safeguarding@southwark.anglican.org 020 7939 9441 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. For urgent out of hours advice please contact 020 3874 6743.

Additional information about the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be found here:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/contact-the-team/>

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-procedures/>

Please also see the Parish Safeguarding Handbook:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

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