

SAFEGUARDING

As a Church we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and we are committed to ensuring that our churches and buildings are safe places for all.

If you or someone you are concerned about is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999

If you have any concerns about safeguarding where a person is not in immediate danger then please contact our safeguarding officer Hilary Morgan-Savage on 01634 723027 email

roger.savage2@btinternet.com

Diocese of Rochester

The Diocese of Rochester also have a safeguarding team. If you would like to speak to someone in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, please find their contacts below.

Lead Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and Rochester Cathedral Safeguarding Officer

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Safeguarding Advisor

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From 5pm on Friday through to 9am on Monday thirtyone:eight (previously CCPAS) has been contracted to take safeguarding telephone enquiries, that cannot wait until the Diocesan office reopens on Monday morning. Telephone number **0303 003 11 11**.

Finding support

We understand reporting abuse may be very difficult and distressing to you and it may add to your hurt by our not being able to immediately assist you. Therefore here are the contact details of other agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
- **Childline:** 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.
- **Stope It Now:** 0808 1000 900
- **NAPAC National Association for People Abused in Childhood:** 0808 801 0331
- **Samaritans Helpline:** 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
- **Family Lives:** 0808 800 2222
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** 080 8808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm)

Social Services in each Local Authority can also be contacted to advise on a safeguarding concern.

In this area that is: –

Kent County Council (KCC).

Adult: Office hours 03000 41 61 61, Outside office hours 03000 41 91 91

Children: Office hours 03000 41 11 11, Outside office hours 03000 41 91 91