

Parish of St John the Evangelist, Redhill

Policy for Responding to Domestic Abuse

We are committed to promoting and supporting environments in which:

- people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse
- concerns can be raised and responded to openly 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

We will endeavour to:

- value, listen to and respect both survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse
- support and promote Welcare
- raise awareness about other agencies, support services, resources and expertise, through providing information in public areas of relevance to survivors, children and perpetrators of domestic abuse
- help those who have experienced abuse to find safety and informed help
- work with the appropriate statutory bodies during an investigation into domestic abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community
- offer appropriate pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse

We are committed to reviewing our policy and procedures annually.