

The Six Parishes of Badger, Beckbury, Kemberton, Ryton, Sutton Maddock and Stockton
Diocese of Lichfield

Domestic Abuse

The House of Bishop's policy 'Promoting a Safer Church' states that:

The Church is committed to those who have been victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse in all its forms is contrary to the will of God and an affront to human dignity. All need to play their part in preventing or halting it.

The cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse is: any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse perpetrated by those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to psychological/emotional, physical, sexual, financial, spiritual or digital abuse, neglect, coercive or controlling behaviour.

The Six Parishes are committed to supporting any victim of domestic abuse. If you, or someone you know, is suffering in this way, you are welcome to contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Hilary Blakely: hilary1@cheswardine.com

Alternatively, there are dedicated agencies who can offer advice and specific guidance:

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service: 0300 303 1191

West Mercia Women's Aid: 0800 783 1359

www.victimsupport.org.uk

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