

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH COLEHILL

DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARTER

1. We understand domestic abuse to be the abuse of a person physically, sexually, psychologically, spiritually, emotionally, socially or financially within an intimate or family-type relationship that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.
2. We believe in a God of love, justice, mercy and forgiveness and will teach that male and female were created equally in God's image.
3. We hold that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and Christian way of living.
4. We recognise that domestic abuse is a serious problem which can occur in church families as well as in wider society.
5. We undertake to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.
6. In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy we will always give the highest priority to the safety of children and vulnerable adults.
7. We will display information about domestic abuse support agencies.
8. The Parish Safeguarding Representatives will be guided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser in following good practice and learning from statutory and voluntary support services.