



# All Saints' Church

The Parish Church of South Oxhey and Carpenders Park  
'To know Jesus and to make Him known'



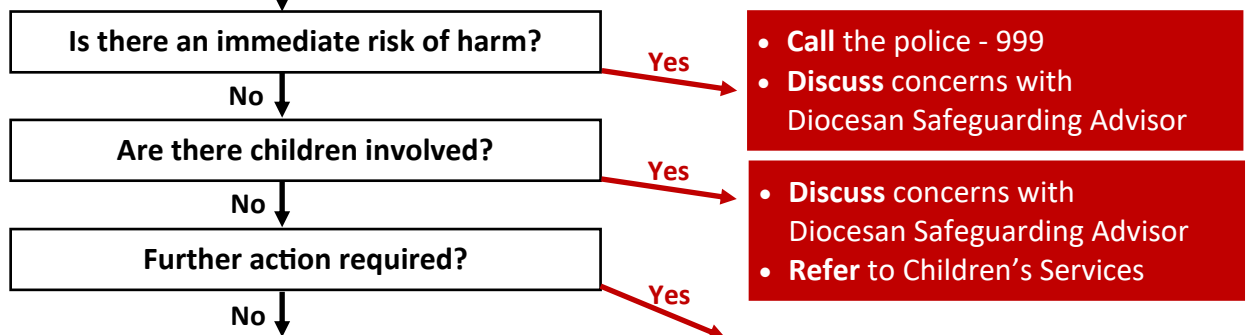
## HOW TO RESPOND TO DOMESTIC ABUSE CONCERNS AND ALLEGATIONS

### CONCERN / ALLEGATION

If you suspect or witness abuse, or someone discloses/tells you about a Domestic Abuse concern follow the chart below to help you know what to do. You will find Parish Record Forms for Safeguarding records near this notice.

### RESPECT

- **Believe** the victim
- **Do not ask** for proof
- **Assure** the victim it is not their fault
- **Reassure** that confidentiality will be maintained but explain its boundaries



- Your time has been well spent. The victim will know that they can return to you for further help, that they have been believed and that they are not in the wrong.
- You might be able to offer other opportunities to come and talk.
- You cannot make the victim of domestic violence or abuse take any action. The most you might be able to do is listen and provide information.
- Use **Parish Record Form** as soon as possible to **RECORD** your concerns/what you have been told.
- **REPORT** matter urgently to Vicar and Parish Safeguarding Officer.

- Outline realistic options - police, Women's Aid, refuge, safe house
- Supply appropriate information, leaflets and contact numbers.
- Make a referral on the victim's behalf (with their permission) if this is wanted.
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<b>To contact the POLICE</b> call 999	<b>Hertfordshire County Council Social Services</b> Concerns for children or young people: <b>0300 123 4043</b>
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<b>Contacts at All Saints' Church</b>	
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