

Penwortham St Mary Safeguarding Contacts

Reporting a concern

If you believe that someone is at risk of immediate harm, please call emergency services on 999

Any safeguarding concerns in a parish should be brought to the attention of your local Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in the first instance:

Gillian Carlton

Email: stmarys.penwortham.safeguarding@gmail.com

Tel: 07351 523142

Concerns can also be raised directly with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org Tel: 01254 503088

DSO, Catherine Smith

Catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org Tel: 07711485170

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Safeguarding Administrator, Claudia Aspey

Claudia.aspey@blackburn.anglican.org Tel: 01254 503088

Address: Diocese Offices, Clayton House, Walker Office Business Park, Blackburn, BB1 2QE

Finding support

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. If you have been affected, however long ago, Safe Spaces can provide you with support.

<https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk>

We understand reporting abuse may be very difficult and that not everyone may want to contact the church directly. Below is a list of other agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

Thirty One: Eight: 0303 003 1111 (out of hours and weekend safeguarding advice)

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours).

Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours).

Samaritans Helpline: 116 123 (open 24 hours).

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141

Domestic Abuse Support Service Lancashire (DASSL): 0300 3033 581 (lines free and open 24 hours). [DASSL – Domestic Abuse Support Services Lancashire](#)