

## Safeguarding

At St Mary's Whitegate, we work hard to maintain a safe environment for all.

We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance.

If you have any concerns or enquiries regarding safeguarding, please contact our safeguarding officer.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Anne Blayney  
Email: [safeguardingwhitegate@outlook.com](mailto:safeguardingwhitegate@outlook.com)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at  
[safeguarding@chester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chester.anglican.org)  
or on 01928 718834 (option 4)

### Out of Hours Support

The Diocese of Chester partners with Thirtyone:eight and you can access their Safeguarding Helpline if the Diocesan Safeguarding Team is unavailable - this also includes any safeguarding queries outside of office hours on weekdays and weekends. Thirtyone:eight can be contacted on 0303 003 1111.

### In the case of an emergency

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police on 999 and/or your local authority Children or Adults Service.

### Helplines

**Safe Spaces England and Wales** - 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.

**Email:** [SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk](mailto:SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk)

**Safe Spaces Helpline:** 0300 303 1056

Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 21:00

Saturdays: 09:00 - 13:00

Sundays: 13:00 - 17:00

**Child-line:** 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours)

**Parent Line:** 0808 800 2222

**National Domestic Abuse 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 (freephone Monday to Friday 9-5pm)