



## Parish of Immanuel and St Andrew, Streatham

All forms of domestic abuse are wrong and must stop. We are committed to providing supporting environments which:

- ensure that all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from
- abuse protect those vulnerable to domestic abuse from actual or
- potential harm recognise equality amongst people and within
- relationships

We recognise

- all forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in the relationship
- all survivors (regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religion, sexual orientation or identity) have the right to equal protection from all
- harm or abuse domestic abuse can occur in all communities
- domestic abuse may be a single incident but is usually a systematic, repeating pattern which escalates in severity and frequency
- domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse perpetrated by the abusive behaviour
- working in partnership with children, adults and other agencies is essential promoting the

We will endeavour to respond to domestic

- in all our activities —
  - ◇ valuing, listening to and respecting both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of
- in our publicity —
  - ◇ raising awareness about other agencies, support services, resource expertise, through providing information in public and women-only relevance to survivors, children and alleged or known perpetrators
- when concerns are raised —
  - ◇ ensuring that those who have experienced abuse can find safety and help
  - ◇ working with the appropriate statutory bodies during an investigation
- in our care —
  - ◇ ensuring that informed and appropriate pastoral care is offered to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse
  - ◇ identifying and outlining the appropriate relationship of those with pastoral care responsibilities with both survivors and alleged or known perpetrators of domestic abuse.

**If you have any concerns or need to talk to anyone,**

**Judy Douglas 07950 993516 or Sarah Simpson 075**