

Domestic Abuse Church Charter 2023

The Benefice of Gravenhurst, Shillington and Stondon in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans

Parish of Shillington & Gravenhurst

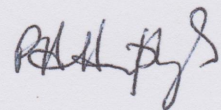
The following Charter was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 19th July 2023.

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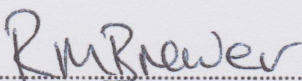
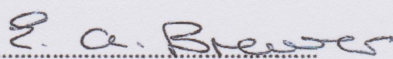
- Understands domestic abuse to be the abuse of a person physically, sexually, psychologically, spiritually, emotionally, socially or financially within an intimate or family-type relationship, which forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. This can include forced marriage and so-called 'honour crimes.'
- Holds that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.
- Accepts that domestic abuse is a serious problem, which occurs in church families as well as wider society.
- Undertakes to listen to, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.
- Will always place the safety of all affected by domestic abuse as the highest priority.
- Will work with domestic abuse support agencies, will learn from them and support them in appropriate ways, and will publicise their work.
- Believes in a God of love, justice, mercy and forgiveness.

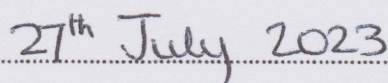
We have appointed as our Parish Domestic Abuse Adviser

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She will encourage the use of good practice guidelines and keep the church informed about the implementation and development of these guidelines.

Signed Churchwardens  

Dated 

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