

Domestic Abuse Charter

Domestic abuse is extremely serious, and contrary to a Christian way of living. This church seeks to support those affected by domestic abuse, and their families.

This Church/Circuit:

- holds that domestic abuse, in all its forms, is unacceptable.
- believes domestic abuse is inconsistent and incompatible with the Christian faith.
- acknowledges that domestic abuse is a serious and widespread problem that occurs in church families as well as in wider society.
- undertakes to listen to, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.
- prioritises the safety of survivors and children affected by domestic abuse.
- works with specialist agencies, learning from and supporting them in appropriate ways, and publicising their work.
- will play its part in teaching that domestic abuse is unacceptable and contrary to God's purposes and the teachings of the Bible.

Contact numbers:

National Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247	Freephone, 24-hour service
Mankind	01823 334244	Male Victims of Domestic Abuse
Respect	0808 801 0327 <i>Freephone</i>	
Greater Manchester Domestic abuse helpline	0161 636 7525	Mon – Fri, 10am – 4 pm excl. bank holidays
Endeavour	01204 394842	Office hours 9.30am – 5.00pm with out of hours answer service
Fortalice	01204 365677	24-hour support line