

## **Domestic Abuse Policy**

**The Parish of St Michael Cofton Hackett & St Andrew Barnt Green is committed to promoting an environment within the church which:**

- Enables people to feel welcomed, respected and unthreatened whilst participating in church activities;
- Aims to safeguard those vulnerable to domestic abuse from potential harm whilst attending PCC premises;
- Recognises equality amongst people and within relationships;
- Enables and encourages concerns to be raised and responded to appropriately and consistently.

**We recognise that:**

- all forms of domestic abuse cause damage to the survivor and express an imbalance of power in a relationship
- all survivors have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- domestic abuse can occur in all communities
- domestic abuse may be a single incident or a repeated pattern
- domestic abuse, if witnessed or overheard by a child, is a form of abuse by the perpetrator.