

Safeguarding: We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims/perpetrators of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults. The PCC has adopted 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement' which can be seen if you click here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/policy-practice-guidance>

This is issued by the Bishops of the Church of England which sets out policies and best practice on safeguarding, and which may be found on the Church of England website:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding>

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Angela Herbert who may be contacted as follows:

Angela Herbert, tel 01206 30 42 11 email: amjherbert47@gmail.com

Or via the church email address: brightlingseaparish@btconnect.com

Or you can contact the Chelmsford Diocese Safeguarding Team: Tel: 0345 603 7627 (Children & Families Hub)

Tel: 0345 606 1212 (Urgent and 24-hour contact)

Email: escb@essex.gov.uk

Email: emergency.dutyteamoutofhours@essex.gov.uk

Alternatively you may contact either of our churchwardens whose names and contact details are given above.

If you need to report abuse to someone in authority or to talk about an incident of abuse the following telephone numbers may be helpful:

Childline: 0800 1111

National Domestic Violence Freephone : For women: 0808 2000 247 For men: 0808 801 0327

Essex County Council Social Services: 0345 603 7630 (vulnerable adults) and 0345 693 7627 (children)