

# Domestic Abuse: A Charter for Your Church



Inspired by the love of God and sacrifice of Jesus

This Church: St Nicolas, Great Bookham .....

- 1 Accepts that domestic abuse is a serious problem which occurs in all sections of society including church families.
- 2 Recognises that domestic abuse can be the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, emotional, social or financial abuse of a person within an intimate or family-type relationship and that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.
- 3 Recognises that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.
- 4 Undertakes to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse.
- 5 Will keep up to date, embrace training and work with domestic abuse support agencies, publicising their work.
- 6 Will teach, model and encourage what it means to be in good, respectful, safe and nurturing relationships.