

Safeguarding Investigation

Content warning: this news item relates to a safeguarding investigation happening now. Please take care when reading.



On Sunday 2 April 2023, the Church of England National Safeguarding Team, the St Albans Diocese, and the Soul Survivor Watford trustees issued a statement about a safeguarding investigation into concerns about Mike Pilavachi.



Safeguarding is how we keep church safe for everyone. An investigation is work to find out information about something. Important steps must be followed to ensure the best outcome for everyone involved.

You can read the Soul Survivor statement here:

<https://www.soulsurvivorwatford.co.uk/latestupdates>



We encourage everyone to support the investigation process. If you want to speak to someone about any concerns, or if you want help and advice, you should ask for it. There are many sources of support available:

- A list of sources of support is provided on the Church of England National Safeguarding Team website here:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/reporting-abuse>
- You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team here
<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/safeguarding-contacts> or email them at safeguarding@stalbands.anglican.org
- You can call Thirtyone:eight's own independent Safeguarding Helpline on 0303 003 11 11, Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm, to listen to any concerns and to offer help and guidance.

You can make the call on your own or ask a trusted person to help you.

More support and advice about safeguarding can also be found on our website at: <https://www.thirtyoneeight.org/Help and Resources>.

We have also written a blog on what to do when you learn of safeguarding concerns about a leader, which you can read here:

<https://thirtyoneeight.org/blogs/what-to-do-when-you-learn-of-safeguarding-concerns-about-a-leader>