



St Andrew's
Chorleywood

Safeguarding statement

As many of you are aware, the Church of England Safeguarding investigation into Mike Pilavachi from Soul Survivor Watford has reached their conclusions with some substantiations to allegations of breaching the House of Bishops guidelines on safeguarding, the latest updates are available on the Soul Survivor Website <https://www.soulsurvivorwatford.co.uk/latestupdates>.

Historically, Mike Pilavachi was the Youth Pastor here at St Andrew's Church before leaving to set up Soul Survivor in 1993. St Andrew's Church take the issue of any breaches of safeguarding practice very seriously and we would like to give assurances to everyone that our safeguarding procedures at St Andrews Church are robust and thorough and we continue to uphold to the highest standards of safeguarding practice.

Should anyone have any concerns in this area please contact our Safeguarding Officer at St Andrews: safeguarding.officer@st-andrews.org.uk or if you would like to speak to anyone connected to this investigation or have been affected, please be assured that any concerns raised will be treated with the utmost sensitivity and support. Access to counselling is available. Please contact: safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org or safeguarding@churchofengland.org.

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by this news and want to talk to someone independently, please call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056

Every Blessing
Revd Tim Horlock (Vicar)