

# SAFE MINISTRY @ ST JAMES

## Our Safe Ministry Policy:

The Parish of St James Turrumurra, incorporating the churches of Bobbin Head Anglican in North Turrumurra, and King St Turrumurra, is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. To ensure the safety of children and vulnerable people in our communities, the Parish of St James Turrumurra, in conjunction with the Anglican Church of Australia, will –

- Carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers,
- Adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and church workers,
- Respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and church workers,
- Offer pastoral support to any person who has suffered abuse, and
- Provide supervision of and pastoral accountability (within the context of the ministries, locations and activities of the parish) to any person (who is a member of a congregation and) who is known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person.

## Our Safe Ministry Representative:

The Parish Council has approved the appointment of Jenny Putt as our Parish Safe Ministry Representative. Reports of abuse can be made to the Safe Ministry Representative at [safeministry@stjamesturrumurra.org.au](mailto:safeministry@stjamesturrumurra.org.au).

## Reporting Abuse:

Anyone who suspects, on reasonable grounds, that a child or young person is at risk of neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse should report it to the relevant authorities.

### General suspicions:

Head Ministry Leader

### Child/young person at risk of significant harm:

FaCS (Family & Community Services) (132 111)

If possible discuss with your head ministry leader or Snr Minister first (except where the matter concerns the leader or Snr Minister)

Police (000 or 131 444)

where the situation requires emergency assistance

Professional Standards Unit (9265 1514 | [psu@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:psu@sydney.anglican.asn.au))

where the alleged perpetrator is a church worker

### Knowledge of relevant criminal offences:

Police

Professional Standards Unit (regarding a church worker)

### Child abuse by a church worker:

Senior Minister/church worker's employer

(except where the matter concerns the Snr Minister)

Anglican Abuse Report Line (1800 774 945 | [abusereport@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:abusereport@sydney.anglican.asn.au))

Police

Contact the Professional Standards Unit if you are unsure of what to do in any circumstance or where an allegation is regarding the Senior Minister.