

## *SAFE CHURCH COMMUNITIES - August - September 2009*

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*For distribution to clergy, coordinators, children's, families and youth leaders, seminar facilitators, newsletter editors*

31 August 2009

Dear everyone

Again this month there is lots for me to tell you.

### *Access to Safe Church Communities information on the Diocesan website*

There several ways you can access the Safe Church Communities page on the Diocesan website. The easiest way is to click on <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch/> and you're straight there. You will see information about the Safe Church Communities Program, issues of the Newsletter, and resources. Alternatively, from the Home page of [www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au) you can click on About Us on the top left hand corner and then Safe Church Communities on the drop down menu. It's worth visiting our page on a regular basis as we are updating the information all the time.

### *Parish Checklist (following the AGM)*

I have attached to this month's Newsletter a checklist for parishes to complete after the AGM and send a copy to us so that we can keep our records up to date. After the AGM is a good time to check that all the leaders in your parish have the right Safe Church Communities Endorsement, to plan for any training that needs to happen and to renew any National Police Checks. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 6220 2020 if you have any questions about this or need help. We look forward to receiving your responses by 30 September.

### *Safety Management Online (SMO)*

Congratulations to all those who have accessed the ChildSafe SMO and completed training online. We are still having a few problems with SMO and it's still not looking as we would want it for our Diocese. Margaret is happy to work with you on any issues you may be having and we talk regularly to ChildSafe and let them know our problems. It looks as if this will take time so we do appreciate your patience. You should now be able to access all forms by clicking on Resources.

### *Safe Church Communities Ordinance 2009*

This can be found by clicking on <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/ordinances/>. It is something that is useful to download and print off so that you have Schedule 1 as a ready reference to determine who needs what to have current Safe Church Communities endorsement. Schedule 1 has been revised, following Diocesan Council and is now on the website so make sure that you have the latest version.

### *Advance Notice*

Phillip Day from Scripture Union Victoria will be conducting an Emergency Response Training Day in Hobart on Saturday the 7th November on behalf of the Diocese. If you are a Youth Pastor and/or are responsible for camps in your parish or an Anglican Camping Director, this training is a must. Please put this date in you diary. More details later.

I am away from 1 - 26 September but Margaret will be here and available on 6220 2020.

Yours sincerely

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# Parish Checklist (following the AGM)

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1. Have all the members of the Parish Council completed the 'Faithfulness in Service' training and signed a 'Commitment to Faithful in Service'?

Yes

No

**If no**, they will need:

- The Code of Conduct 'Faithfulness in Service' (FIS);
- The FIS Training Module F1 Booklet; and
- 'Commitment to Faithfulness in Service' Statement to sign

These can be downloaded from the Diocesan website – visit <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch> . They are also available from the Diocesan Office by calling 6220 2020.

If you would like face to face training for the Parish Council, please contact the Diocesan Office on 6220 2020 and ask for Margaret to arrange this.

2. Do the clergy/Local Ministry Support Team have current Safe Church Communities Endorsement?

Refer to the Safe Church Communities Ordinance 2009 for requirements. This can be downloaded from the Diocesan website – <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/ordinances/> .

Yes

No

**If no**, please contact the Diocesan Office on 6220 2020 and speak to Margaret who will organise for their endorsement to be renewed.

**If you are not sure**, then please contact Margaret to check.

3. Do all those in the parish holding a Bishop's licence for lay ministry have current Safe Church Communities Endorsement?

Refer to the Clerical Licences Ordinance 1991 and the Safe Church Communities Ordinance 2009 for requirements. These can be downloaded from the Diocesan website – <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/ordinances/> .

Yes

No

**If no,** they will need:

- The Code of Conduct 'Faithfulness in Service ' (FIS)
- The FIS Training Module F1 Booklet
- 'Commitment to Faithfulness in Service' Statement to sign

These can be downloaded from the Diocesan website – visit <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch/> . They are also available from the Diocesan Office by calling 6220 2020.

**4. Do you have programs for children and/young people in your parish?**

Yes

No

**If no,** there is no further action.

**If yes,** do all Team Members and Team Leaders and the Coordinator have current Safe Church Communities Endorsement?

Yes

No

**If yes,** there is no further action.

**If no,** refer to the Safe Church Communities Ordinance 2009 for requirements. This can be downloaded from the Diocesan website – <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/ordinances/> .

The process is outlined on the Diocesan website. Visit <http://anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch/> and read 'Guidelines for New ChildSafe Endorsements'. ChildSafe Guides are available from the Diocesan Office by calling Margaret on 62202020 and she can answer any questions you may have. Applications for a National Police Check are also available from the Diocesan Office.

If you would like face to face training for ChildSafe endorsements, please contact the Diocesan Office on 6220 2020 and ask for Margaret to arrange this.

Some people will need a National Register Search. Visit <http://anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch/> for information about this process. Read:

- National Register Check;
- Protocol for access to the National Register; and
- Request for a search of the National Register.

Signed:

Safe Church Communities Officer and/or ChildSafe Coordinator.

Signed:

Incumbent/LMST

Date:



Please retain the original for your records and forward a copy to:

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