



ST DAVID'S
Anglican Church Forestville

St. David's Forestville Safe Ministry Policy

Our Safe ministry policy

St. David's Anglican Church Forestville ("St. David's") 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 church community, St. David's has drafted and implemented safe ministry policies for children, for youth, and a social media policy that deals with social media interactions with children and youth.

In addition, in conjunction with the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney, St. David's will:

- Adopt and implement safe ministry practices by its clergy and church workers, in accordance with Sydney Diocesan guidelines for *Safe Ministry*, and *the Faithfulness in Service* national code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers;
- Respond in line with its policies and those of the Diocese 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 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 has abused a child or another vulnerable person.

Our Safe Ministry Representative

Each parish requires a Safe Ministry Representative, appointed by the Senior Minister with the concurrence of the parish council. Karen Richardson is our current Safe ministry Representative.

The duties of the Safe Ministry Representative include:

Assisting the Senior Minister in complying with child protection screening.

Maintaining safe ministry training records.

Monitoring and reporting on Safe Ministry systems and practice in the parish.

Reporting abuse by clergy or church workers.

Safe Ministry and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney

The Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney has established the Professional Standards Unit, which receives and deals with complaints of child abuse or sexual misconduct by members of the clergy and church workers. The Safe Ministry Board formulates and monitors policy and practice and advises on child protection and safe ministry for the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

If you wish to speak to someone about abuse that has happened in a church or by someone involved in an Anglican church please contact the Anglican Abuse Report Line by phone on 1800 774 945 or via email at reportabuse@sydney.anglican.asn.au

On 29th March, 2021 St David's Anglican Forestville Parish Council adopted this as a Policy of St. David's Forestville.