



## **Safe Church Statement of Commitment**

The Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, including all ministry units within the Diocese, has zero tolerance for abuse.

All people, including children and vulnerable adults, have the right to be respected and valued and to feel emotionally, physically and spiritually safe at all times.

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, welcoming and positive environment for children and adults from all backgrounds.

We will:

- listen to anyone who raises concerns, take their concerns seriously, respond with respect and compassion and take appropriate action;
- report disclosures or suspicions of abuse according to our procedures and as required by law;
- ensure procedures are clear, appropriate and effective for responding to allegations of abuse; and
- provide support to those involved and seek appropriate help for a just and fair resolution.

We have a Safe Church Policy that applies to all ministry and administrative units within the Diocese. The policy is available online at [www.wangaratta-anglican.org.au](http://www.wangaratta-anglican.org.au) or from the Registry. Each parish council also has a copy of the policy.