



## Safe Church Communication Guidelines

This document sets out the minimum requirements for promoting and communicating safe church matters including requirements for:

- Noticeboards
- Diocese/Parish websites
- Newsletters
- Social media accounts

### Noticeboards

Each parish centre will have a dedicated noticeboard or a quarantined section of a noticeboard for communication of safe church related material such as posters, codes of conduct and other material deemed to be of public importance. The noticeboard will be maintained by the nominated Safe Church Officer for each parish or an alternative individual as deemed suitable by the Parish Council. The content to be displayed might change from time to time and specific requirements will be advised.

### Diocese / Parish Websites

Any website belonging to a ministry unit of the Diocese of Wangaratta will display the following text and link prominently on the website.

As a ministry unit of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, we have zero tolerance for abuse. We believe that 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.

If you have experienced or suspect abuse you can report it to the Director of Professional Standards on **1800 377 842 (1800 DPSVIC)**.

The Director of Professional Standards can also be contacted by email [professionalstandards@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:professionalstandards@wangeratta-anglican.org.au) or by mail at PO Box 337, Canterbury VIC 3126.

For more information go to <http://www.wangeratta-anglican.org.au/safe-church/>

### Newsletters (including newspapers, pew sheets or any other regular publication)

Any regular publication produced by the diocese or a parish in the diocese will include the text and link as provided above (same as for websites). Where the publication is especially small and space is limited, reduced text (as follows) can be used:

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### Social Media Accounts

Any social media accounts (e.g. Facebook) used for communication/promotional purposes by a ministry unit of the Diocese of Wangaratta will include the text and link as provided above (same as for websites). Where possible the information should be included in the About Us section of any active church/parish/diocese social media accounts. Alternatively (or in addition) the information should be posted four times per year (approximately once every three months).