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# SAFE MINISTRY

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BOBBIN HEAD | TURRAMURRA | WARRAWEE

## OUR SAFE MINISTRY POLICY:

The Parish of St James Turramurra, incorporating the churches of Bobbin Head Anglican in North Turramurra, Warrawee Anglican, and King St Turramurra, 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 Turramurra, 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@stjamesturramurra.org.au](mailto:safeministry@stjamesturramurra.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

**FACS (FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES) (132 111)**

### AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM:

If possible discuss with your Head ministry leader or Snr Minister (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 OR PSU@SYDNEY.ANGLICAN.ASN.AU)**

where the alleged perpetrator is a church worker

### KNOWLEDGE OF RELEVANT

**POLICE**

### CRIMINAL OFFENCES:

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT**

regarding a church worker

### CHILD ABUSE BY A

**SENIOR MINISTER/CHURCH WORKER'S EMPLOYER**

### CHURCH WORKER:

(except if the matter concerns the Snr Minister)

**ANGLICAN ABUSE REPORT LINE**

**(1800 774 945 OR 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.

# SAFE MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

A WWCC is a requirement for people who work or volunteer in child-related work. All St James volunteers working with children and youth must have a valid WWCC. A higher level of Identity Proof is now required to obtain a WWCC. Three levels of ID will be mandated:

- One commencement of identity document (such as birth certificate)
- One primary use in the community document (such as driver licence)
- Two secondary use in community documents (such as Medicare card and bank card)

To obtain a WWC number please go to: **[kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](https://kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)** and click on 'Apply for your Check'.

WWCC holders are to keep their personal details up to date or risk a penalty.

## SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

The Anglican Diocese of Sydney requires that all people working in ministry to children and youth undertake Safe Ministry training every three years. The Essentials course is for new leaders aged 18 years and over. To maintain training the Refresher course must be completed every three years. Both courses are available on-line and face-to-face. Junior Leaders training is available on-line for those aged 14-17 years.

More information: **[safeministry.training](https://safeministry.training)**