

Introduction to The Parish Handbook

The Anglican Diocese of Bunbury is committed to providing support and assistance to those taking on leadership, management and supervisory roles as volunteer or paid church workers, as clergy and as parishioners; all those who may be performing identified roles and tasks in the Anglican Church within the local parish, community and across the Diocese.

Your involvement in parish life is part of a much larger community, known as the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury which is itself part of the Anglican Church of Australia, which comprises 23 Dioceses.

In the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury, of which you are a member, there are 36 parishes and Anglican communities. The Diocese is also part of the West Australian Province (which has three Dioceses), so you are a part of a much larger story in Australia and we belong to a world-wide Anglican community.

In your parish, the roles, responsibilities and accountability which you hold and provide through your work as servant leaders are critical to the flourishing and well-being of the community and the way you behave and speak with others reflects back to them what it means to be a Christian, in other words, 'Christ-like'.

The Diocese and the parish are delighted you feel called to take on these roles and we thank you for your commitment to living and sharing our church life and for working in God's Kingdom. We thank you for accepting the responsibilities of safe and wise stewardship that is part of this calling.

This Parish Handbook is provided in sections to make it easy to read and access by everyone and should be freely available on our Diocesan website. It is intended to provide an easy understanding of the roles which you might hold either as a clergy person, or while volunteering and leading in the parish as a lay person, together with the range of responsibilities and expectations you hold and accountabilities you have to those around you and to the Diocese and the wider Anglican Church.

This Parish Handbook will be found on the Diocesan website: www.bunburyanglican.org and our contact telephone number is: 08 9721 2100. If you have any queries or concerns, please ring the office and we will be happy to help you.

Please always check the website, that the information you have in your Handbook is the most up to date.

Please access the various Church Statutes and Legislation on our website which provide the source documents for the roles and how we behave in the church and what are our legal responsibilities. You will also find these documents on the Diocesan website. Whenever this Handbook is updated, the clergy and lay leadership will be notified of the updates.

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