

SAFE CHURCH CONTACT PERSON

The Safe Church Contact Person is a key person within the Safe Church framework for the Diocese. This person has a critical role to play in the parish and works with the wardens, Parish Council and the priest in ensuring the church and the church community is a safe place for everyone.

The person appointed to this role is licenced by the Bishop because of the serious nature of the role and the obligations expected in the work. The individual chosen must be Anglican, a Voting Parishioner and have a good understanding of the safe church obligations, responsibilities and accountabilities by the time the training is completed.

The need for safe protective behaviours and the obligation to ensure a safe church for all those who are vulnerable, in particular children and the prevention of child sexual abuse, is critical and non-negotiable in the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury.

In addition, there is the need to work consistently and closely with the parish community to ensure such requirements as determined by the Diocese, by the law, OHS and the community standards set by our wider community are met and understood, and to make sure all the up to date checks and processes are in place and we are working consistently to educate and train everyone on a regular basis.

This is a responsible and active position and needs individuals who are committed to ensuring this is embedded in the parish culture with the help and assistance of the Parish Council, the wardens and clergy. This must be done within an Anglican framework so the obligations upon us as a Christian community are also evident and practiced.

This person will work closely with the Diocese in organising local training, making sure volunteers and leaders and all members of parish council are kept up to date with the requirements. They will attend Safe Church workshops and the Safe Church Contact Persons Gatherings each year.

A Safe Church Contact Person is a person nominated and unanimously appointed by the parish and Licensed by the Bishop to coordinate Safe Church matters within a parish.

If no Safe Church Contact Person has been appointed and Licensed, the priest with the pastoral oversight is required to hold this position.

A Safe Church Contact person is nominated and endorsed by the unanimous support of the parish council and the priest.

A copy of the Declaration for a Safe Church Contact Person is in the Forms Section of the Parish Handbook

The process for appointing a SCCP is set out in The Licensing Statute 2017 as it is a Lay Minister role and is licensed by the Bishop of Bunbury.