



Come & See

St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY

The St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor Parish Council resolved and agreed to the following at the meeting held on 14 October 2025:

St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor (**St Philip's O'Connor**) is committed to holistic Safe Church Ministry. This means we commit to our pastoral, duty of care, legal and insurance obligation; with its goal that all ministries are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe; based on the premise that Diocesan parishes and ministries should be person-valuing and respectful spaces free from abuse and harm, for ministry to God's glory.

We are committed to, and adopt, the Anglican Goulburn and Canberra Diocese (Diocese) Safe Ministry Policy and Protocols:

- [Diocesan Safe Ministry Policy 2019](#)
- [Diocesan Protocol for Safe Ministry Clearances 2023](#)
- Code of Good Practice [2013](#)
- [Protocol for Addressing Grievances 2022](#)
- [Protocol for Responding to Abuse and Harm from Misconduct 2019](#)
- [Protocol for Responding to Allegations of Bullying Behaviours by Church Workers.2022](#)
- [Ministry to Children Canon 2019](#)
- [Code of Conduct for Ministry with Children 2018](#)

We acknowledge the central and important role that Safe Ministry Training has in ensuring St Philip's O'Connor is a person valuing and respectful space that is free from harm to God's Glory. We commit to providing training and clearance to all church workers consistent with the Diocesan Protocol for Safe Ministry Clearances (2023), and with guidance from the Safe Ministry Unit of the Diocese support members use the [Safe Ministry Information System \(SMIS\)](#).

We acknowledge the important role of the [Office of Professional Standards Director](#), and commit to ensuring all members of St Philip's community and others are aware of the Office's role and how to contact the office to report concerns allegations of misconduct by church workers or seek advice from the Safe Ministry Helpline.

Further, we have:

- appointed Dr Julianne Stewart (2025 Parish Council Member) as the Safe Ministries and Compliance Officer,
- followed the Diocese' guidance on Establishing a Safe Environment - a WHS Policy (2025), WHS Policy Statement (2025), procedures and risk assessments are in place and these will be reviewed annually.
- committed to review the implementation of the Diocese' Safe Ministry Policy and Protocols at least annually.

Rector: - Christine Cargill

Chair: Lari Bunker