

SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE



A BIG THANK YOU to those parishes who have promptly responded following the distribution of Parish Screening Reports.

Reminder: Please contact us if you need to update information for volunteers, especially those in child-related roles (Form 2) with outstanding requirements.

Working with Children Checks

Working with Children Checks are needed by those in leadership and licenced roles and those in child related work e.g. Sunday School. If there are volunteers with expired WWC please ensure they are renewed as soon as possible and the receipt sent to screenings@perth.anglican.org and a copy of the card when it is received. Safe Ministry is here to assist so please reach out on the details below.

Parish Councils - Next Safe Ministry Discussion Point

As Parish Council members, do we know the screening and training requirements for different volunteer roles? e.g. Child-related roles, non-child contact roles (e.g. readers, welcomers, morning tea helpers) and Volunteers in Op Shops who are not parishioners.

16 Days in WA

25 November – 10 December

**Stopping Family and Domestic Violence:
Play your part.**

- Attend one of five diocesan services
- Host a Standing Together workshop
- Organise a Purple Bench for your parish, workplace, or school

Please consider what you can do to help shine that light over the upcoming 16 Days by, attending one of the five services being offered across the Diocese (details in the Bulletin), participating in a Standing Together workshop in your parish or organising a Purple Bench for your parish, workplace or school community.

More information on the Diocesan Family and Domestic Violence webpage:
<https://www.perth.anglican.org/church/community/family-violence>

E-Safety Update – Changes Coming!



From 10 December 2025, social media platforms must restrict users under the age of 16. Self-declared birthdates will no longer be trusted; age will be inferred from device and account data.

- Young people may lose access or need ID verification of their age to continue to have access
- Posting, liking, and messaging may be blocked

For parishes with children and youth ministries, please consider how these changes may impact how you communicate with the young people who attend.

How can we help young people prepare for these changes?

Encourage young people to:

- Save important content including photos and memories from existing accounts.
- Swap phone numbers with family and friends.
- Cancel paid subscriptions.
- Beware of scams offering to restore accounts.

For full details visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

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