

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Church believes it is important to respect and treat everyone as unique individuals created by God, and to give special attention to the care, protection and wellbeing of Children. This is our Statement of Commitment:

The Church is committed to the safety and wellbeing of Children.

We believe all Children have the right to feel safe – culturally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We acknowledge the essential role each Governance Group member, pastoral leader, staff member and volunteer have in creating hospitable, respectful, culturally safe, and loving environments that promote equity, champion personal and spiritual growth, and foster a sense of belonging to the body of Christ.

We support Children in feeling safe, being respected, and having their voices heard. Our commitment is to ensure they feel a sense of belonging and recognise their value in the eyes of God and the Church.

We are committed to:

- Promoting a culture of child safety and wellbeing throughout the church.
- Listening to the voices of Children and ensuring their rights and dignity come first when we interact with them.
- Providing safe environments and ministries that are culturally safe, hospitable and loving to help foster connections and belonging.
- Ensuring we have a child safe safeguarding culture that resembles and represents Christ's attitude and approach.
- Having zero tolerance for any form of conduct that would amount to Reportable Conduct or that would Harm a Child.

The Church is committed to fulfilling our responsibilities of the *Child Safe Organisations Act 2024*.