

## *SAFE CHURCH COMMUNITIES – March 2010*

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*For distribution to clergy, coordinators, children's, families and youth leaders, newsletter editors*

Dear everyone

An important announcement!

*Robyn Reaburn has been appointed for fifteen hours a week as the Regional Safe Church Communities Coordinator for the North and North West.*

*Annette Sims has been appointed for fifteen hours a week as the Regional Safe Church Communities Coordinator for the South.*

The role of these Coordinators is to assist parishes in making sure that parishes are safe and healthy communities by providing advice on the Safe Church Communities Program, running training sessions and helping parishes to assess and manage risk.

*The Diocese is able to fund these positions through the generosity of Clarendon Children's Home Inc., following a successful application to Clarendon's Grants Program.*

Robyn lives in Launceston and is a member of Holy Trinity, where she has served, and is serving, in a number of positions. Her other job is at the University of Tasmania where she is a part-time lecturer.

Annette has recently moved to Tasmania from Victoria and is living at Neika. She has worked in the child care sector and most recently at Kaleidoscope Neighbourhood House Whittlesea. She has been active in the Anglican parish of Eltham. Her other job is the part-time chaplain for Roseneath Primary School under the Federal Government Chaplaincy Program.

Margaret and I are currently busy equipping Robyn and Annette to be in the best position to give parishes all the help they need to ensure that their parishes are safe and healthy.

After Easter I will be sending out details of the days Robyn and Annette are working and their contact details.

Robyn will be the contact person for the 63 and 64 telephone regions and Annette will be the contact for the 62 telephone region. Margaret will now have responsibility for all those who require a Diocesan Safe Church Communities endorsement, i.e. all clergy and Diocesan employees, and the maintenance of ChildSafe Safety Management Online and will be available to advise Robyn and Annette.

*For parishes your first point of contact will be Robyn or Annette, depending where you live.*

We are delighted to welcome Robyn and Annette to these positions which are initially for one year.

Congratulations to all those who have already updated their Safe Church Communities endorsement this year! Your quick response has been a real encouragement to us.

Just a reminder to those whose safe ministry accreditation expired at the end of 2009 – it's now time to update to Safe Church Communities endorsement. The Safe Church Communities page on the Diocesan website has all the information you need - <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/about-safechurch/>.

*May you experience both the challenge and the joy of Easter.*

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