

Gwen Vale  
Chair, Professional Standards Committee  
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

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Mr <sup>CKA</sup>  
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Dear <sup>CKA</sup>

Thank you for sending me your documentation about your dealings with the Anglican Diocese in regards to Rev'd George Parker. I have made photocopies for members of the PSC and I am now returning your original copies.

I have kept the copy of the sermon preached at your mother's funeral and will put it in the file with the other documents – you will know where it is if you ever want to access it. I understand that it is distasteful for you to have it but the things said acknowledging the years of service that your mother gave to the Church and to her community and her love for God are still true and I would want to recognise this. At some time your children may want to see that affirmation of her commitment.

I am concerned that you have been feeling very down recently. Often things that we think we have dealt with can resurface and hit us hard. I want to offer you some psychological counselling if you think that would help you at present. I have authorised this with the Diocesan Manager and we will pay for up to six sessions with a psychologist of your choice. Please ask them to forward accounts to John Cleary at the Diocesan Office, PO Box 817, Newcastle 2300 (<sup>REDACTED</sup>; [johncleary@angdon.com](mailto:johncleary@angdon.com)).

As I explained, the Committee needs to meet before I can go any further. We will meet sometime this month and Philip Gerber, the Director of Professional Standards, will then contact you about our decision.

I wish you well.

Yours sincerely

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