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The Anglican Parish of Magill

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From the Rector:

I am writing to all church members and to past members of St. George's CEBS with some difficult news.

It has come to our attention that Mr Bob Brandenburg, a former member of our parish, was to have faced criminal charges recently concerning child sexual abuse. Unfortunately Mr Brandenburg died before the case came before the court and consequently these matters are, and will remain, somewhat unresolved.

We do not know – and we are not permitted under law to know – the names of those to whom the charges relate. Nor do we know the time period over which the alleged abuse may have taken place. Unfortunately, therefore, we cannot eliminate concerns about the entire period of Mr Brandenburg's association with the parish, from the 1960's on.

In order to provide clear information and advice about this situation, St. George's is offering a free workshop on Tuesday 24th August, at the Parish Centre, from 8pm to 9.30pm. The workshop is to be directed by Mr Wayne Maddox of Lutheran Community Care, Mr Jim and Mrs Joan Chataway (Counsellors in private practice) and Mrs Wendy Archer (Education Dept.) all of whom are well qualified and experienced in dealing with child abuse situations. If you would like to attend this workshop it would help us if you could call our office on 8364 4152 to register your interest. Should you forget to call, don't worry, come along anyway and we'll make room for you! If you would like to attend but cannot do so on that day or at that time, please let us know – we may be able to offer the workshop at other times.

I have also included with this letter a pamphlet detailing steps that can be taken by people who feel they have been the subject of sexual misconduct on the part of a member of the Anglican Church.

Sincerely,



Don Owers, Rector