



The Ethical Standards for The Anglican Church of Strathpine as Adopted by Your Parish Council

(Based on the teaching of Jesus – Matthew 18.15-17)



A Healthy Church Transforming Life

1. If you have a problem with another member of our Church, then go and see them privately. Hopefully, other members of our Church will do the same when they have a problem with you.
2. If someone comes to you with a problem that they have with another member of our Church, then send them to that person. Hopefully, other members of our Church will do the same for you, if someone comes to them with a problem about you.
3. If the person with the problem refuses to go and meet privately with the other person, say: “Let’s go and see him/her together!” Hopefully, other members of our Church will do the same for you, if someone comes to them with a problem about you, but refuses to meet privately with you.
4. Be careful how you interpret other members of our Church. If there is a misunderstanding, allow the other person concerned, to interpret their own words and actions. Hopefully, other members of the Church, if they have a misunderstanding with you, will allow you to interpret your own words and actions.
5. If it’s confidential, don’t tell! If another member of our Church comes to you in confidence, don’t tell unless the person is going to harm themselves or harm someone else, or a child has been physically or sexually abused. Hopefully, other members of our Church will respect your privacy.
6. As Ambassadors of Christ, we don’t write unsigned letters. If it’s worth writing, it is really worth signing!
7. As Christ’s Representatives in Strathpine, we don’t manipulate other people. Don’t allow others to manipulate you. Don’t allow others to manipulate other members of our Church through you.
8. When in doubt, say so! If you can answer without misinterpreting, breaking a confidence or hurting another member of our Church, then do so.
9. If a problem still exists then by all means approach the Priest and the Wardens, but be prepared to name names and work for reconciliation. The Priest and the Wardens are not prepared to listen to gossip. The Priest and the Wardens will do the same for you, if another member of our Church comes to them with a problem about you.
10. Forgive and Reconcile.

Note: These are the 10 Steps necessary for the formation of a healthy Church that has ability to transform people’s lives.

Your Brother In Christ

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