



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

Policy on	Photography and Video Recording
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LEGISLATION AND STANDARDS

St John's mission is to 'bear public witness to Jesus Christ through Anglican worship and pastoral ministry, loving community and outward-facing mission.' This governs all we do as a Parish including policy development.

This policy is guided by The Master Policy of the parish and diocesan ordinances and policies, most notably the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance.

Legislation: *Listening Devices Act 1992* (ACT)

Useful references (accessed June 2021):

<https://lawpath.com.au/blog/legal-film-public-places>

<https://llylawyers.com.au/8764-2/>

<https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/filmmaking-with-a-smartphone-or-hidden-camera/>

PRINCIPLES

1. In this policy "video recorder" means any device, including a smartphone, with the capacity for recording video sequences. "Video recording" means the use of those devices in the St John's Canberra precinct.
2. Photography and video recording of services and other functions in the church are permitted subject to the approval of the Rector.
3. Photography and video recording of other functions in other parish rooms or in the grounds are subject to the provisions of principles 4 and 5.
4. Close up photographs and video sequences of individuals must not be taken without their knowledge.
5. Close up photographs and video sequences of children must not be taken without the prior consent of their parent or guardian.
6. The Parish operates video cameras within the church and around some buildings. Video recording through this means shall be used exclusively for security and safety, and livestreaming services.
7. At any livestreamed event, those present are assumed to have given consent for their image to be shared as part of the livestream.

PROCEDURES

1. The principles of this policy will be shared with any parishioners whose ministry responsibilities might see them hosting an event.