



**ENCOURAGING  
FAMILIES  
THROUGH  
FAITH IN ACTION**

**1. Lamenting the Violence**

Commitment One:  
Our church  
acknowledges and  
laments the violence  
which has been suffered  
by some of our members  
and repents of the part  
we have played in  
allowing an environment  
where violence went  
unaddressed.

Ten Commitments for  
Prevention and Response  
to Domestic and Family  
Violence in the Anglican  
Church of Australia.

*‘Changing attitudes  
and behaviours is  
long-term work, and  
we sadly won’t see a  
reduction overnight.’*

*Helen Bolton, CEO Respect  
Ballarat*

**CELEBRATING  
150 YEARS OF  
MOTHERS’  
UNION**

**Join Us, Join In!  
Lighting the way for  
Generations to Come**

# DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PORTFOLIO

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## ▶ DID YOU KNOW?

In a weekend news bulletin published by the ABC on the Respect Ballarat program, it was stated ‘almost two years ago, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese declared that violence against women was a national crisis’ and that ‘Last year, the number of family and domestic violence offenders processed by police in Australia rose by 8 per cent – the highest recorded rate since national family and domestic data was first published in 2019’.

## ▶ DV Aware Sunday – Sunday, 3 May 2026

Anglican Parishes across Australia are encouraged to observe DV Aware Sunday to highlight God’s concern for those experiencing harm.

How are we as MU going to respond to this call? Are we going to join with our parish on this Sunday to promote awareness that DV has no place in our homes, our relationships and our churches? Are we going to have a DV awareness raising focus to one of diocesan or branch gatherings?

There are resources that can help in our endeavours, including a DV Aware Sunday resource kit which gives examples of how we can raise awareness, whether we only have a few minutes, 10 -20 minutes, or a whole worship service. You can find this, and other resources which will shortly include a 2 minute video to play, at: <https://www.tencommitments.org.au/dvsunday>



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