

THE STATUTES

Office holders

The Bishop

1. (1) The Bishop has the principal seat and dignity in the Cathedral.
- (2) The Bishop may, after consultation with the Chapter and subject to the following provisions, officiate in the Cathedral and use it in the Bishop's work of teaching and mission, for ordinations and synods and for other diocesan occasions and purposes.
- (3) The Bishop may:
 - (a) celebrate the Holy Communion in the Cathedral on Christmas Day or Easter Day;
 - (b) preach at or appoint the preacher at one of the services in the Cathedral on Christmas Day or Easter Day;
 - (c) at any service which the Bishop holds he may determine the ordering thereof, preach or appoint the preacher and decide the object of the collection. The Chapter shall, on such occasions, render him reasonable assistance and give such orders to the members of the Cathedral staff as may be necessary for the due holding of such Services.

The Dean

2. The Dean is the principal dignitary of the Cathedral, next after the Bishop.

The Chapter: general

Corporate and spiritual life

3. (1) The Chapter is at the heart of the Cathedral's corporate and spiritual life. Its members pray for the Cathedral, its mission, each other and the communities they serve.
- (2) All members of Chapter and its sub-committees work together to support and uphold the Cathedral's unique identity, its reputation, mission and values through independent scrutiny and oversight.
- (3) On admission to the Chapter a person shall, in addition to such usual oaths as are prescribed by law, make the following declaration before the Dean or Vice Dean and other Chapter members:

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, appointed to the Chapter of this Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester, declare that, to the utmost of my power, I will safely maintain, and cause to be safely maintained, the possessions, and the rights, liberties and privileges, and whatsoever pertains to this Church, and that I will steadfastly keep, and so far as in me lies cause others to keep, all and every the Constitution and Statutes thereof: and that I will not knowingly hinder whatsoever may lawfully be done for the advantage and honour of the said Church, but that I will seek to secure and augment the same. And, moreover, if I shall be called, appointed and designated to the discharge of any duty in the aforesaid Church, I will not hesitate to undertake the same, and with all earnestness discharge it to the utmost of my power.”

Nominations Committee

Composition etc.

4. (1) The Nominations Committee must have at least three members and no more than five members.
- (2) It is for the Chapter to appoint the members of the Committee, at least one of whom must be a non-executive member of the Chapter.
- (3) It is for the Chapter to appoint the chair of the Committee; but that person may not be an executive member of the Chapter.
- (4) The Chapter may remove a member of the Committee from office if:
 - (a) there is a good reason for the removal; and
 - (b) at least 75% of members present and voting vote in favour of the removal.
- (5) A member of the Committee holds office as such for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed; but a member who has served more than three consecutive terms is not eligible for appointment as a member, until at least three years has passed since the member last ceased to hold office as such.
- (6) A chief officer, the Dean and the senior non-executive member is entitled to attend the whole or part of any meeting of the Committee and is entitled to speak but not vote.
- (7) If, at the invitation of the Committee, any other person attends the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, the person may speak, but only at the discretion of the chair, and may not vote.

Functions

5. (1) The Nominations Committee must advise the Chapter on:
 - (a) the recruitment of non-executive members;
 - (b) the recruitment of members of committees of the Chapter; and
 - (c) the training needs of members of the Chapter;
- (2) The Nominations Committee must:
 - (a) keep under review the skills, knowledge and experience of, and the diversity among, members of the Chapter, members of each committee (including the Nominations Committee itself) and members of any sub-committee; and
 - (b) where, in light of a review under sub-paragraph (a), the Committee identifies areas where improvements are required, make recommendations to the Chapter on how to make those improvements.
- (3) The Nominations Committee must liaise and co-operate with each other committee and each sub-committee of the Chapter.
- (4) The Nominations Committee must recommend to the Bishop candidates for the role of senior non-executive member.

Proceedings

6. (1) It is for either of the chief officers, at the request of the chair of the Nominations Committee, to convene a meeting of the Committee.
- (2) The Committee must meet at least twice each year.

- (3) Notice of a meeting of the Committee must, unless otherwise agreed, be given to each member of the Committee, and to each person entitled to attend the meeting by virtue of Article 4(6) above, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- (4) In the case of each person invited to attend a meeting of the Committee by virtue of Article 4(7) above, notice of the meeting must be given to the person as soon as reasonably practicable before the meeting.
- (5) Notice of a meeting of the Committee:
 - (a) must specify when and where the meeting is to be held;
 - (b) must include an agenda for the meeting; and
 - (c) must, subject to paragraph (6), be accompanied by the relevant papers for the meeting.
- (6) In so far as it is not reasonably practicable for the relevant papers for a meeting of the Committee to accompany the notice of the meeting, the papers must as soon as reasonably practicable be given to each person to whom the notice was given.
- (7) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is two members.
- (8) Articles 12(6) and (7) of the Constitution (remote participation) apply to a meeting of the Committee as they apply to a meeting of the Chapter.

Reporting

7. (1) A draft of the minutes of each meeting of the Nominations Committee must be circulated promptly to each member of the Committee for approval.
- (2) Once the minutes of a meeting of the Committee are approved, the minutes:
 - (a) must be sent to every member of the Chapter, and
 - (b) must be sent to the chief officers;
 - (c) may be sent to such other persons as the Committee thinks appropriate.
- (3) The Chapter must consider any matters arising from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee.

Terms of reference

8. The Chapter has the power under section 15(8) of the Measure to set terms of reference for the Nominations Committee in relation to its functions, proceedings and reporting requirements but subject to the requirements of the Measure, the Constitution and these Statutes.

Finance Committee

Composition etc.

9. (1) The Finance Committee must have at least five members.
- (2) It is for the Chapter to appoint the members of the Committee, following consultation with the Nominations Committee and in accordance with this Article.
- (3) It is for the Chapter to appoint the chair of the Committee; and that person must have recent and relevant financial experience and must be a non-executive member of the Chapter.
- (4) The Chapter may remove a member of the Committee from office if:

- (a) there is a good reason for the removal; and
 - (b) at least 75% of members present and voting vote in favour of the removal.
- (5) A member of the Committee holds office as such for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed; but a member who has served more than three consecutive terms is not eligible for appointment as a member, until at least three years has passed since the member last ceased to hold office as such.
- (6) The Dean, executive members of Chapter and Cathedral employees are not entitled to be members of the Committee but the Dean is entitled to attend the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee; and at any meeting which the Dean attends, he or she may speak but may not vote.
- (7) The chief officers must each attend each meeting of the Committee unless the Committee considers that there are circumstances which justify excluding or excusing either or both of the chief officers from the whole or part of the meeting; and a chief officer, when attending the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, may speak but not vote.
- (8) If, at the invitation of the Committee, any member of the Chapter attends the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, the person may speak but not vote.
- (9) If, at the invitation of the Committee, any other person attends the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, the person may speak, but only at the discretion of the chair, and may not vote.

Functions

- 10.** (1) The Finance Committee must keep under review the activities and management of the Cathedral in relation to such matters as the Chapter specifies in terms of reference for the Committee.
- (2) Section 16(8) of the Measure requires the Chapter, in providing the terms of reference referred to in paragraph (1), to have due regard to any guidance issued by the Church Commissioners on the responsibilities of a Finance Committee.

Proceedings

- 11.** (1) It is for either of the chief officers, at the request of the chair of the Finance Committee, to convene a meeting of the Committee.
- (2) The Committee must meet at least four times each year.
- (3) Notice of a meeting of the Committee must, unless otherwise agreed, be given to each member of the Committee, and to each person entitled to attend the meeting by virtue of Article 9(6) or (7) above, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- (4) In the case of each person invited to attend a meeting of the Committee by virtue of Article 9(8) above, notice of the meeting must be given to the person as soon as reasonably practicable before the meeting.
- (5) Notice of a meeting of the Committee:
- (a) must specify when and where the meeting is to be held;
 - (b) must include an agenda for the meeting; and
 - (c) must be accompanied by the relevant papers for the meeting.
- (6) In so far as it is not reasonably practicable for the relevant papers for a meeting of the Committee to accompany the notice of the meeting, the papers must as soon as is reasonably practicable be given to each person to whom the notice was given.

- (7) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is three members, at least one of whom must be a non-executive member of the Chapter.
- (8) Articles 12(6) and (7) of the Constitution (remote participation) apply to a meeting of the Committee as they apply to a meeting of the Chapter.

Reporting

12. (1) A draft of the minutes of each meeting of the Finance Committee must be circulated promptly to each member of the Committee.
- (2) Once the minutes of a meeting of the Committee are approved, the minutes:
 - (a) must be sent to every member of the Chapter;
 - (b) must be sent to the chief officers; and
 - (c) may be sent to such other persons as the Committee thinks appropriate.
- (3) The Chapter must consider any matters arising from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee.

Terms of reference

13. The Chapter has the power under section 16(11) of the Measure to set terms of reference for the Finance Committee in relation to its functions, proceedings and reporting requirements but subject to the requirements of the Measure, the Constitution and these Statutes.

Audit and Risk Committee

Composition etc.

14. (1) The Audit and Risk Committee must have at least three members.
- (2) It is for the Chapter to appoint the members of the Committee, at least one of whom must be a non-executive member, following consultation with the Nominations Committee and in accordance with this article.
- (3) It is for the Chapter to appoint the chair of the Committee; and that person must have recent and relevant financial experience and must not be a member of the Chapter.
- (4) The Chapter may remove a member of the Committee from office if:
 - (a) there is a good reason for the removal; and
 - (b) at least 75% of members present and voting vote in favour of the removal.
- (5) A member of the Committee holds office as such for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed; but a member who has served more than three consecutive terms is not eligible for appointment as a member, until at least one term has passed since the member last ceased to hold office as such.
- (6) The Dean, executive members of Chapter and Cathedral employees are not entitled to be members of the Committee but the Dean is entitled to attend the whole or part of any meeting of the Committee; and at any meeting which the Dean attends, he or she may speak but may not vote.
- (7) The Chair may invite either or both chief officers to attend the whole or part of each meeting of the Committee; and a chief officer, when attending the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, may speak but not vote.

- (8) If, at the invitation of the Committee, any member of the Chapter attends the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, the person may speak but not vote.
- (9) If, at the invitation of the Committee, any other person attends the whole or part of a meeting of the Committee, the person may speak, but only at the discretion of the Chair, and may not vote.

Functions

15. The Audit and Risk Committee must keep under review the activities and management of the Cathedral in relation to such matters as the Chapter specifies in terms of reference for the Committee.

Proceedings

16. (1) It is for either of the chief officers, at the request of the chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, to convene a meeting of the Committee.
- (2) The Committee must meet at least twice each year.
- (3) Notice of a meeting of the Committee must, unless otherwise agreed, be given to each member of the Committee, and to each person entitled or invited to attend the meeting by virtue of Article 14(6) or (7) above, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- (4) In the case of each person invited to attend a meeting of the Committee by virtue of Article 14(8) above, notice of the meeting must be given to the person as soon as reasonably practicable before the meeting.
- (5) In so far as it is not reasonably practicable for the relevant papers for a meeting of the Committee to accompany the notice of the meeting, the papers must as soon as is reasonably practicable be given to each person to whom the notice was given.
- (6) Notice of a meeting of the Committee:
 - (a) must specify when and where the meeting is to be held;
 - (b) must include an agenda for the meeting; and
 - (c) must be accompanied by the relevant papers for the meeting.
- (7) In so far as it is not reasonably practicable for the relevant papers for a meeting of the Committee to accompany the notice of the meeting, the papers must as soon as is reasonably practicable be given to each person to whom the notice was given.
- (8) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is two members.
- (9) Articles 12(6) and (7) of the Constitution (remote participation) apply to a meeting of the Committee as they apply to a meeting of the Chapter.

Reporting

17. (1) A draft of the minutes of each meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee must be circulated promptly to each member of the Committee.
- (2) Once the minutes of a meeting of the Committee are approved, the minutes:
 - (a) must be sent to every member of the Chapter;
 - (b) must be sent to the chief officers; and
 - (c) may be sent to such other persons as the Committee thinks appropriate.

- (3) The Chapter must consider any matters arising from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee.

Terms of reference

18. The Chapter has the power under section 16(11) of the Measure to set terms of reference for the Audit and Risk Committee in relation to its functions, proceedings and reporting requirements but subject to the requirements of the Measure, the Constitution and these Statutes.

Other committees and sub-committees

Committees: composition etc.

19. (1) A committee of the Chapter established under the Constitution must have at least three members.
- (2) It is for the Chapter to appoint the members of the committee, at least one of whom must be a member of the Chapter, following consultation with the Nominations Committee.
- (3) It is for the Chapter to appoint the chair of the committee; and that person may, but need not, be a member of the Chapter.
- (4) The Chapter may remove a member of the committee from office if:
 - (a) there is a good reason for the removal; and
 - (b) at least 75% of members present and voting vote in favour of the removal.
- (5) A member of the committee holds office as such for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed; but a member who has served more than three consecutive terms is not eligible for election, or for appointment or co-option as a member, until at least three years has passed since the member last ceased to hold office as such.
- (6) A member of the Cathedral Leadership Team is entitled to attend the whole or part of a meeting of the committee and is entitled to speak but not vote.
- (7) If, at the invitation of the committee, the senior non-executive member attends the whole or part of a meeting of the committee, the person may speak but not vote.
- (8) If, at the invitation of the committee, any other person attends the whole or part of a meeting of the committee, the person may speak, but only at the discretion of the Chair, and may not vote.

Sub-committees: composition

20. (1) A sub-committee established under the Constitution must have at least three members.
- (2) It is for the committee under which the sub-committee sits to appoint the members of the sub-committee, following consultation with the Nominations Committee and with the approval of the Chapter.
- (3) It is for the Chapter to appoint the chair of the sub-committee.
- (4) At least one member of the sub-committee must be a member of the committee under which the sub-committee sits.
- (5) The Chapter may remove a member of the sub-committee from office if:
 - (a) there is a good reason for the removal; and
 - (b) at least 75% of members present and voting vote in favour of the removal.

- (6) A member of the sub-committee holds office as such for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed; but a member who has served more than three consecutive terms is not eligible for election, or for appointment or co-option as a member, until at least three years has passed since the member last ceased to hold office as such.
- (7) A member of the Cathedral Leadership Team is entitled to attend the whole or part of a meeting of the sub-committee and is entitled to speak but not vote.

Functions

21. The functions of each committee or sub-committee established under the Constitution are set out in the terms of reference for that committee or sub-committee.

Proceedings

22. (1) It is for the chief officers, at the request of the chair of a committee or sub-committee established under the Constitution, to convene a meeting of the committee or sub-committee.
- (2) Notice of a meeting of the committee or sub-committee must, unless otherwise agreed, be given to each of its members, and to each person entitled or invited to attend the meeting by virtue of Article 19(6) or (7) or 20(7) above, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- (3) In the case of each person invited to attend a meeting of the committee by virtue of Article 19(8) above, notice of the meeting must be given to the person as soon as reasonably practicable before the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting of the committee or sub-committee:
 - (a) must specify when and where the meeting is to be held;
 - (b) must include an agenda for the meeting; and
 - (c) must be accompanied by the relevant papers for the meeting.
- (5) In so far as it is not reasonably practicable for the relevant papers for a meeting of the committee or sub-committee to accompany the notice of the meeting, the papers must as soon as is reasonably practicable be given to each person to whom the notice was given.
- (6) The quorum for a meeting of the committee or sub-committee is two members.
- (7) Articles 12(6) and (7) of the Constitution (remote participation) apply to a meeting of the committee or sub-committee as they apply to a meeting of the Chapter.

Reporting

23. (1) The terms of reference of a committee or sub-committee established under the Constitution make provision as to the reporting of proceedings of its meetings to the Chapter.
- (2) A draft of the minutes of each meeting of the committee or sub-committee must be circulated promptly to each of its members for approval,
- (3) Once the minutes of a meeting are approved, the minutes:
 - (a) must be sent to every member of the Chapter;
 - (b) must be sent to the chief officers; and
 - (c) may be sent to such other persons as the Committee thinks appropriate.

Terms of reference

24. The Chapter has the power under section 17(6) of the Measure to set terms of reference for each committee or sub-committee established under the Constitution in relation to its functions, proceedings and reporting requirements but subject to the requirements of the Measure, the Constitution and these Statutes.

Senior Management

Chief officers

25. (1) The Chief Operating Officer shall be appointed by the Chapter and shall be responsible for oversight and development of the cathedral's employed staff and volunteers, the care of its built fabric and physical assets and contribute to strategic direction and operational delivery.
- (2) The Chief Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Chapter and shall be responsible for production of the annual budget, management accounts, ensuring collection of all monies due and that appropriate financial safeguards are in place.

Establishment of Cathedral Leadership Team

26. There is to be a group called the Cathedral Leadership Team, concerned with the leadership and management of the Cathedral.

Membership of Cathedral Leadership Team

27. (1) The members of the Cathedral Leadership Team are:
- (a) the Dean;
 - (b) each residentiary canon with responsibility for a department of the Cathedral or for part of its operations;
 - (c) the chief officers;
 - (d) such other members of staff (whether lay or clergy) as the Chapter considers appropriate; and
 - (e) the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer;

Functions of the Cathedral Leadership Team

28. (1) The purpose of the Cathedral Leadership Team is to lead and manage the day-to-day activities of the Cathedral's business within the delegated authority, budgets and strategic plans provided or approved by the Cathedral Chapter.
- (2) In fulfilling its purpose set out paragraph (1), the Chapter confers the following functions to the Cathedral Leadership Team:
- (a) developing and implementing strategy, operational plans, policies, procedures and budgets;
 - (b) driving and monitoring operating and financial performances;
 - (c) assessing and controlling risk;
 - (d) prioritising and allocating resources;

- (e) ensuring the safeguarding, spiritual nurture and wellbeing of all volunteers, staff and visitors;
 - (f) such other functions conferred upon the Cathedral Leadership Team that the Chapter at their discretion deem fit from time to time.
- (3) In fulfilling its purpose the Cathedral Leadership Team shall give due consideration to:
- (a) balancing the interests of the Cathedral's stakeholders;
 - (b) upholding the integrity and reputation of Chester Cathedral;
 - (c) planning the Cathedral's future development; and
 - (d) compliance with relevant statutory and regulatory frameworks.

Proceedings of the Cathedral Leadership Team

- 29.** (1) Meetings shall be convened and chaired by the Dean or a person nominated by the Dean for such purposes.
- (2) The Cathedral Leadership Team shall meet at least 10 times per year.
- (3) No fixed notice period is required to call a meeting but a written agenda and relevant papers shall be circulated to each member of the Cathedral Leadership Team in advance of the start of a meetings.
- (4) Written minutes of decisions and actions shall taken and circulated to members of the Cathedral Leadership Team as soon after a meeting as practicable.

Accountability of the Cathedral Leadership Team

- 30.** (1) It is the responsibility of the chair to ensure that full and open written reports of the Cathedral Leadership Team's meetings are provided to each regular business meeting of the Chapter for scrutiny.
- (2) The Cathedral Leadership Team shall operate under terms set out in the Statement of Delegated Authorities ("SODA") by Chapter.

Committees of the Cathedral Leadership Team

- 31.** (1) The Cathedral Leadership Team may establish one or more committees for dealing with matters relating to the day to day running of the Cathedral.
- (2) In the case of each committee established under this Article, the Cathedral Leadership Team must specify in writing the matters which come within the committee's remit.
- (3) The Cathedral Leadership Team must appoint the members of each committee so established.
- (4) The chair of each committee so established must be a member of the Cathedral Leadership Team; but subject to that, the membership of the committee need not include a member of staff or a member of the Chapter.
- (5) Each committee so established must report to the Cathedral Leadership Team in accordance with such requirements as the Cathedral Leadership Team may specify in writing.
- (6) Each committee so established may regulate its own procedure, subject to such rules as the Cathedral Leadership Team may specify in writing.

Dignities

32. The Bishop may make provision for the creation, continuance, abolition, suspension or termination of suspension of a dignity, office or body in the cathedral and for the title by which a dignity or office is to be known. Further to these Statutes, the Bishop makes provision for the following dignities.

(1) The Vice-Dean

- (i) There shall be a Vice-Dean appointed, from amongst the number of residentiary canons upon such terms, conditions and duties as may be determined by the Chapter from time to time. The Vice-Dean is not the same as an interim Dean appointed pursuant to Article 19 of the Constitution.
- (ii) When the Dean or interim Dean is present the Vice-Dean shall be next to him or her in dignity in the Cathedral and he or she is therefore so to act, in regular and diligent attendance at the Services and in the conduct of the business of the Cathedral.
- (iii) The Vice-Dean may, in the absence of the Dean or interim Dean, fulfill all the management and executive functions of the Dean or interim Dean, subject to Article 12(1) of the Constitution.

(2) The Archdeacons

Subject to the rights exercisable by any other person in accordance with the Constitution and the Statutes, each Archdeacon shall have the right of presiding at the Holy Communion and of preaching in the Cathedral at least once a year.

(3) The Honorary Canons

Subject to the rights exercisable by any other person in accordance with the Constitution and the Statutes, each honorary canon shall have the right of preaching and/or officiating in the Cathedral at intervals determined by the Chapter.

(4) The Chancellor

- (i) The Chapter shall appoint, on such terms as it may determine, a person suitably qualified as a Chancellor who may be a member of Chapter.
- (ii) It shall be the duty of the Chancellor to oversee, promote and develop the educational work of the Cathedral.
- (iii) The Chancellor shall, with the agreement of the Chapter, promote and help to sustain links between the Cathedral and appropriate educational establishments.
- (iv) The Chancellor shall encourage patronage of the contemporary arts promoting and supporting discussion of particular schemes in the Chapter.

(5) The Librarian and Archivist

- (i) The Chapter may appoint, on such terms and conditions of service as it may determine, a person suitably qualified as a librarian and/or Archivist.
- (ii) The Chapter shall make regulations for the use of the library and other resources by the Canons, the clergy of the diocese and others.
- (iii) The librarian and Archivist may report from time to time to the Chapter concerning the repairs and improvements that are needed to the library and treasures.

(6) The Vergers

The Chapter may appoint Vergers as may from time to time seem necessary on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

(7) **Minor Canons and Other Ministries**

The Chapter may, after consultation with the Bishop, appoint minor canons and other ministers, ordained or lay, to serve the work of the Cathedral on such terms in respect of tenure, remuneration and duties as the Chapter may determine.

(8) **Canons Theologian**

The Bishop may appoint after consultation with the Chapter two additional honorary or lay canons with the title of "Canon Theologian" who need not be beneficed or licensed or resident in the Diocese. Such appointment shall be for an initial term of five years, but the appointment may be renewed by the Bishop after consultation with the Chapter for a further term or terms not exceeding three years in the case of each renewal. Such canons shall not be members of the College of Canons, but shall be invited to meetings of the College of Canons.

(9) **Canons Ecumenical**

In order to further the Christian ecumenical ministry of the Cathedral, the Bishop may appoint, after consultation with the Chapter, two Canons Ecumenical who are resident within the Diocese for an initial term of five years, but the appointment may be renewed by the Bishop after consultation with the Chapter for a further term or terms not exceeding three years in the case of each renewal. Such Canons shall not be members of the College of Canons, but shall be invited to meetings of the College of Canons.

(10) **The Prior of Chester**

The Benedictine Prior of Chester occupies an ancient Office. Each new Prior shall be entitled to be installed by the Dean in the place assigned to him by the Chapter.

(11) **Emeritus Titles**

The Bishop may confer upon a Dean, a Residentiary Canon, an Honorary Canon, Lay Canon, a Canon Theologian or Canon Ecumenical who vacates his/her office the title, as the case may be, of Dean Emeritus, Canon Emeritus, or Lay Canon Emeritus or Canon Theologian Emeritus or Canon Ecumenical Emeritus. A title conferred under this provision shall confer no vested interest and, in particular, the holder shall not by virtue of that title be a member of the College of Canons.

Residence

Residence for residentiary canons

33. The Residentiary Canons shall reside in the house allocated by the Chapter and shall diligently attend the services in the Cathedral.

Worship

Divine Service and preaching

34. (1) Morning and Evening Prayer shall be said or sung in the Cathedral distinctly, reverently, and in an audible voice, every morning and evening, the officiating ministers and others of the clergy being duly habited.
- (2) To the end that prayer may be the more reverently offered in the Cathedral, and the praises of God sung with joy and thanksgiving, the Supervisor of the Music or his/her deputies, the Lay Clerks, Choral Scholars and Choristers shall be regularly present at choral services.
- (3) Morning and Evening Prayer, the Holy Communion and all other Services shall be conducted in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England as set out in Canon Law.

- (4) The Dean and Canons shall be careful to teach and expound the Word of God both in the Cathedral and elsewhere as opportunity is given.
- (5) The Dean shall preside and/or preach a sermon at one of the services on Christmas Day, Easter Day and Pentecost, and shall have the right, if he/she so desires, to preach a sermon at one of the services on one Sunday in any month other than a month in which one of the three Festivals occurs. He/she may appoint a deputy to preach for him/her on any of these occasions.
- (6) The Chapter shall be careful to give opportunities of preaching, as may be convenient, to the Suffragan Bishops, the Archdeacons, the Honorary Canons, the Ecumenical Canons and others holding the Bishop's Licence to officiate in the Cathedral.
- (7) The consent of the Bishop and the Chapter shall be obtained for a person to preach in the Cathedral who is not a Clerk in Holy Orders, a Licensed Reader in the Church of England or an authorized minister of a Church in communion with the Church of England.
- (8) At special diocesan services the Clerical and Lay Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod and the Rural Deans shall be allocated seats by the Canon in Residence.

Order of precedence in processions

35. (1) The order of precedence in processions at Diocesan Services held in the Cathedral is:

- (a) the Bishop of Chester;
- (b) any Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop;
- (c) the Chancellor of the Diocese;
- (d) the Diocesan Registrar;
- (e) the Dean;
- (f) the Archdeacons;
- (g) the Vice Dean;
- (h) Residentiary Canons;
- (i) other members of Chapter;
- (j) the Honorary Canons;
- (k) the Lay Canons and Canons Ecumenical;
- (l) the Cathedral Clerk;
- (m) the Clerical and Lay Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod;
- (n) the Rural Deans.

(2) The order of precedence in processions at Cathedral Services is:

- (a) the Bishop of Chester or a suffragan bishop when representing the Diocesan Bishop;
- (b) the Dean;
- (c) the Vice Dean;

- (d) Residentiary Canons;
- (e) other members of Chapter;
- (f) any Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop;
- (g) the Archdeacons;
- (h) the Honorary Canons;
- (i) the Lay Canons and Canons Ecumenical;
- (j) the legal officers and Cathedral Clerk;
- (k) the Clerical and Lay Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod;
- (l) the Rural Deans.

Music, choir etc.

- 36.** The Chapter shall appoint a person to supervise the music in the Cathedral, and the care of the organ. This person shall be appointed on such terms in respect of tenure, remuneration and duties as the Chapter may determine.

Miscellaneous

Execution of documents

- 37.** A document which is not required to be executed by the application of the Chapter's seal is validly executed by the Chapter if it is signed on behalf of the Chapter by two members of the Chapter, or by one member of the Chapter and one of the chief officers.

Power to establish subsidiaries

- 38.** (1) The Chapter may, for the purpose of securing the good government of the Cathedral, establish subsidiary companies.
- (2) The Chapter may itself become a member of a company established under this Article.
- (3) In this Article, "company" includes any body corporate.

Archaeologist

- 39.** The Chapter must comply with Section 23(2) of the Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011 in relation to the appointment of a cathedral archaeologist.

Patronage

- 40.** The power of presentation or nomination to a benefice in the patronage of the Cathedral is exercisable by the Chapter or a patronage committee of the Chapter.

Amendments to Statutes

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- 41.** The procedure for making amendments to these Statutes is set out in sections 31 to 34 of the Measure.

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- 42.** (1) In these Statutes:
- “the Bishop” means the Bishop of Chester (but see paragraph (2));
- “the Cathedral” means the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Diocese of Chester;
- “Cathedral Services” means those services that form the normal worshipping pattern of the Cathedral Community and its ministry in the City of Chester.
- “Diocesan Services” means those services arranged when the Bishop invites the diocese to gather for worship at the Cathedral. These will include for example, Ordinations and the Chrism Service and services related to the rhythm of life in the Diocese.
- “executive member” means the Dean of the cathedral and each residentiary canon who carries out cathedral duties and “executive members” means any such people
- “the Measure” means the Cathedrals Measure 2021;
- (2) Where the functions of the Bishop are being exercised by another bishop in accordance with an instrument made under section 13 or 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, the references in these Statutes to the Bishop are to be read as references to that other bishop.
- (3) A reference in these Statutes to a provision of the Measure is to be read as a reference to that provision as for the time being amended, extended or applied by or under any other Measure.
- (4) Subject to that, the Interpretation Act 1978 applies to these Statutes.

Revocation

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- 43.** The Statutes of the Cathedral made on 4th October 2016 cease to have effect.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022