

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

CATHEDRAL ORDINANCE 1946 -1986

WHEREAS it is desirable to repeal the “Cathedral Ordinance 1935” and “The Cathedral Ordinance 1935 Amended Ordinance 1942” the Synod of the Diocese of Armidale in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution for the management and good government of the Church of England within the state of New South Wales and of all the other powers thereunto enabling it ordains and rules as follows:-

1. The “Cathedral Ordinance 1935” and “The Cathedral Ordinance 1935 Amendment Ordinance 1942” are hereby repealed but such repeal shall not revive and Ordinance heretofore repealed nor shall it affect the past operation of the said repealed Ordinance, nor any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired accrued or incurred thereunder nor any elections, appointments, agreements or other matters of things made, done or commenced under the said repealed Ordinance except so far as there is anything in this Ordinance inconsistent therewith. This Ordinance shall apply to all matters and things made, done or commenced under the said repealed Ordinance and at the commencement of this Ordinance of any force or effect or capable of acquiring any force or effect by virtue of the said repealed Ordinance, as if this Ordinance had been in force at the time they were made, done or commenced and as if they were made, done or commenced hereunder.
2. “The Cathedral Trust Ordinance 1896” shall read with and form part of this Cathedral Ordinance.
3. This Ordinance shall be the Constitution of St. Peter’s Cathedral, Armidale, hereinafter mentioned as the Cathedral. The Cathedral shall be used as such and as the Parish Church of the Parish of Armidale.
4. The Bishop shall have the chief place among his Brethren in Choir and Chapter. The right of the Bishop of Armidale, hereinafter called the Bishop to officiate as he may see fit in any Church whether consecrated or licensed in the Diocese, and expressly in the Church of St. Peter, Armidale, is hereby acknowledged and confirmed. The Bishop shall take such part in Divine Service, shall preach and shall likewise appoint preachers at such times as he shall think fit, giving due notice to the Dean of his wish to do so. He shall have the charge and complete control and ordering of all such services as are connected with Episcopal and Diocesan functions and all matters pertaining thereto.
5. The Dean shall have the next place after the Bishop in Choir and Chapter. Subject to the rights reserved in this Ordinance or otherwise belonging to the Bishop as Ordinary, the Dean shall have the ordering of Divine Service in the Cathedral, and shall be responsible for the due performance of the Services and the good order of the Cathedral.
6. The Chapter is a body of persons who shall be advisors of the Bishop on such matters as the Bishop may at his discretion refer to the said body for advice. It shall be an advisory body with regard to proposed alterations or additions to the fabric of the Cathedral but shall not have jurisdiction or authority in the administration and government of the Cathedral. The Chapter shall consist of the Dean and the Archdeacons of the Diocese who shall be appointed by the Bishop, not more than four

clerical Canons who shall be appointed by the Bishop and who shall be at the time of appointment, licensed clergy of the Diocese and of not less than seven years standing in the Holy Order of Priesthood and resident within the diocese, and not more than four lay canons who shall be appointed by the Bishop and who shall be communicants of the Church of England and resident within the Diocese and shall not belong to any other religious denominations.

7. The four Clerical Canonries shall bear the following titles – Sawyer, Turner, Green and Cooper and stalls shall be allotted in the Cathedral under these titles.
8. The Bishop, if he deems it expedient, may confer the title of Archdeacon, or the title of Canon Emeritus upon a clerical Canon who has resigned his Canonry after not less than five years' occupancy of that office and has retired from active ministerial duty, and also may confer the title of "Honorary Canon" upon a priest whom he has appointed Diocesan Commissioner for the period of time the said priest occupies that office, that the Bishop, if he deems it expedient, may confer the title Dean Emeritus upon a Dean of the Cathedral who has resigned his office as Dean and who has also retired from active ministerial duties.
9. All meetings of the Chapter shall be convened by the Bishop who shall have a vote and a casting vote or with his consent by the Dean who shall have a vote, but no other member of the Chapter shall have more than one vote.
10. When any Clerical Canon shall cease to be licensed to a cure of souls in the Diocese, or to reside within the Diocese, or shall be absent from the Diocese for three consecutive months without permission of the Bishop, His Canonry shall thereupon become vacant and he shall cease to hold the office and to have the title of Canon, or if any member of the Chapter when required by the Bishop in writing, shall refuse to perform the duties of his office, or to comply with the regulations of the Chapter, the Bishop may, after due inquiry declare his office vacant.
11. A Lay Canon shall become disqualified
 - (a) by reason of his absence from three successive meetings of the Chapter without leave first obtained from the Chapter;
 - (b) by reason of the commission of any act which in the opinion of two-thirds of the Chapter shall render him unfit to continue in the performance of his duty as Lay Canon, and he shall thereupon cease to hold office.
12. When and as often as a vacancy by reason of death, resignation, incapacity or disqualification, under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall occur among the Clerical or Lay Canons appointed by the Bishop, it shall be filled by the Diocesan by writing under his hand and seal, and when and as often as a vacancy shall occur by reason of any of the above mentioned causes among the Clerical or Lay Canons elected by Synod, the vacancy shall be filled at the next session of Synod.
13. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to install the Canons in their office and seat, and to receive their declaration of submission to the Statutes, Ordinances, rules and Regulations of the Cathedral Church.
14. Every member of the Chapter before being installed in the seat assigned to him in the Cathedral Church shall make the following declaration:- "I..... do solemnly promise that I will duly observe and keep the Statutes, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Cathedral Church"

And no member of the Chapter shall be present at or take part in any meeting of the Chapter until after his installation.

15. Five members of the Chapter shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
16. The Clergy, Parish Councillors, Church Wardens and Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish shall retain all Parochial rights and privileges and perform all duties as set out in the Parish Structures Ordinance 1979, save only insofar as they are specifically limited by this Ordinance.
17. The Council of the Cathedral Church shall consist of those members as set out in the Parish Structures Ordinance 1979 save only insofar that there shall be only one representative from each other congregation in the Parish apart from the Cathedral church.
18. All nominations for annually elected positions shall be affixed to the principal door of the Cathedral for at least on Sunday immediately prior to the Annual meeting of parishioners and such nominations shall close at noon on the Friday preceding the Sunday on which nominations are to be displayed.
19. The Presentation Board of the Cathedral Parish shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Patronage Ordinance 1935-75. The Vicar so appointed shall be the Dean. The stipend of the Dean shall be fixed by the Bishop in consultation with the Cathedral Churchwardens.
20. In the case of a vacancy the Bishop shall have the right to appoint a locum tenens.
21. This Ordinance may be cited and known as 'The Cathedral Ordinance 1946-86'