

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE
CATHEDRAL ORDINANCE No. 8 of 2022

Long Title

WHEREAS Holy Scripture is our rule and authority in all matters, and whereas within Holy Scripture God says that He is building His church in Christ, that He seeks order when His people meet, and that He meets with His people where 2 or more are gathered in Christ around His word, so this Ordinance provides for the use and governance of St Peter's Cathedral.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is desirable to repeal the "Cathedral Ordinance 1946-1986" 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 Anglican Church of Australia within the state of New South Wales and of all the other powers thereunto enabling it ordains and rules as follows:-

1. Repeal of previous Ordinances

The "Cathedral Ordinance 1946-1986" is hereby repealed but such repeal shall not revive any Ordinance heretofore repealed and shall not affect the past operations thereof nor anything done or commenced nor any rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

2. Purpose of this Ordinance

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the use and governance of the Cathedral Church of St Peter, Armidale ('**the Cathedral**'), having regard to the following:

- (a) the Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop; and
- (b) the Cathedral is the central church of the Diocese, and of the Parish of Armidale.

3. Definitions

In this Ordinance:

Bishop means the Bishop of the Diocese;

Cathedral comprises the Cathedral Church of St Peter, Armidale;

Church wardens mean the Church wardens appointed or elected to the Parish of Armidale under the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance;

Dean means the person appointed for the time being under clause 6.

Diocesan Council means the Diocesan Council of the Diocese;

Diocese means the Anglican Diocese of Armidale;

Parish Council means the Parish Council of the Parish of Armidale, as formed under the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance;

Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance means the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance 2015-2021 or its successors;

Synod means the Synod of the Diocese; and

4. Constitution of St Peter's Armidale

The operations of the Cathedral Parish are governed by the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance, along with the provisions of this Ordinance. Where the provisions of these two Ordinances are in tension with one another, then the provisions of this Ordinance prevail.

5. Bishop

The Bishop has the right to use the Cathedral building, to officiate and preach in the Cathedral Parish, and to appoint occasional preachers and officiants at such times as he shall think fit, giving due notice to the Dean of his desire to do so. In Cathedral services that involve the Bishop or that are occasions of significance for the Diocese, the liturgy and other arrangements shall be determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Dean.

6. Presentation Board and the Dean

The Presentation Board of the Parish of Armidale shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Patronage Ordinance 2013 or its successors. The Vicar so appointed shall be the Dean. The stipend, allowances and leave entitlements of the Dean shall be fixed by the Bishop in consultation with the Church wardens.

7. The rights and responsibilities of the Dean

(a) Subject to this Ordinance, and the rights normally belonging to the Bishop as Ordinary, the Dean:

(i) shall lead and have responsibility for the ministry of the Cathedral and its good order; and aside from the special provisions of this Ordinance, is considered the Incumbent of the Cathedral Parish of Armidale;

(ii) has the right to use the Cathedral and all other buildings of the Parish, and to officiate and preach within the Parish, as he sees fit;

(iii) has control and authority, under the Bishop, for all services and related activities that take place within the Cathedral Parish; and

(iv) is, in the Cathedral, next in seniority to the Bishop.

(b) Sub-Dean:

(i) A Sub-Dean may be appointed by the Bishop to act as the Dean while the Dean is on leave, or when there is a vacancy in the office of Dean: and

(ii) A person while so acting has the rights and responsibilities of the Dean.

8. Dean Emeritus

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. Locum tenens

In the case of a vacancy in the office of Dean, where a sub-Dean has not been appointed under cl 7(b)(i) above the Bishop shall have the right to appoint a locum tenens.

10. Governance of the Cathedral

(a) Subject to the rights of the Bishop and the Incumbent/Dean, the responsibilities for the governance and administration of the Cathedral, and for its grounds and buildings, are as set out in the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance.

(b) The Clergy, Parish Councillors, Church wardens and Parishioners of the Cathedral shall retain all parochial rights and privileges and perform all duties as set out in the Parish Governance & Administration Ordinance save only insofar as they are specifically limited by this Ordinance.

11. Members of the Parish Council

The Parish Council shall consist of those members as set out in the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance.

12. Title

This Ordinance may be cited and known as 'The Cathedral Ordinance 2022'.

