

ST. MARK' S CHAPEL UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND ORDINANCE 2019-2024

WHEREAS the Synod of the Diocese has contributed towards the erection of the St. Mark' s Chapel as an outreach of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale to those associated with the University of New England

AND WHEREAS the Synod desires to recognise that the congregation worshipping at services at St. Mark's Chapel and participating in activities of diverse kinds as carried on in conjunction with worship in St. Mark's Chapel is interdenominational and that the said activities of the said Chapel are properly to be understood as an aspect of the outreach ministry of the Diocese of Armidale,

IT IS EXPEDIENT to make provision for the matters hereinafter mentioned, the Synod of the Diocese of Armidale in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it ordains and rules as follows:

1. Where this ordinance makes reference to the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance, it is to the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance 2015 and its successors. Where this ordinance makes reference to the Patronage Ordinance it is to the Patronage Ordinance 2013 and its successors.
2. St. Mark's UNE Ordinance of 2006 is hereby repealed insofar as it relates to the operation of St. Mark's Chapel UNE, but such repeal shall not revive any Ordinance heretofore repealed and shall not affect the past operation thereof nor anything done or commenced nor any rights privileges obligations or liabilities acquired accrued or incurred thereunder.
3. From and after the passing of this ordinance, the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance shall apply to and govern the operations of St Mark's chapel UNE save and except for the variations thereto as herein after incorporated in this ordinance.
4. St Mark's Chapel shall have the same rights and obligations as a Parish as defined under the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance. St. Mark's Chapel may also have oversight of and responsibility for particular geographic areas within the Diocese with defined boundaries and its administration of any such geographic areas so defined shall be undertaken as per the relevant provisions in the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance 2015 and any subsequent amendments thereto.
5. In this ordinance, and in so far as this ordinance adopts The Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates-

“Chaplain” means and/or shall be the title of the clergyman licensed for this purpose by the Bishop as the clergyman appointed to the cure of souls of members of St. Mark's Chapel and all others who associate themselves with St. Mark's and shall have the same role, entitlement and responsibilities of an Incumbent under the Parish Governance and Administration and Ordinance;

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“Chapel” means and/or will be the term used for the church building located on land encompassed within the University of New England and being known as the Anglican Church of St. Mark in respect of which this Ordinance applies;

“Chapel Council” has the same meaning as Parish Council as the body constituted under the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance;

“Chapel Councillor” has the same meaning as Parish Councillor as defined in the Parish Governance and Administration and Ordinance;

“Congregation” means the persons who regularly attend public worship of St. Mark's Chapel in a particular place at one of the distinct regular divine services;

“Member” of “St. Mark's Chapel” means a person who has been a communicant member and a regular attender at public worship of St Mark's Chapel over a continuous period of three months and shall have the same meaning as Parishioner under the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance.

6. All other words in this Ordinance shall draw their meaning from the Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance, or in the absence of any definition in that ordinance, words shall draw their meaning from common usage. In this Ordinance words expressing the masculine gender shall unless specifically stated be interpreted as including the female gender.
7. St Mark's Chapel shall be treated as a Parish under the Patronage Ordinance. The appointment of a Chaplain to the Chaplaincy of St Marks shall at all times be made with due consideration of the particular requirements of ministry in the university context. This is in recognition that the Chaplaincy of St Mark's at UNE is a specialist ministry with a mission focus to students, staff and members of the University of New England community at the various campuses of the University within the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.

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This Ordinance may be cited and known as the St. Mark's Chapel UNE Ordinance 2019-2024