

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA - DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

## CATHEDRAL ORDINANCE 2003

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Anglican Church in Tasmania in Synod assembled as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cathedral Ordinance 2003.
- 1 (a). This Ordinance will come into effect on a date to be determined by Diocesan Council.
2. The Cathedral Ordinance 1947, and subsequent amendments are hereby repealed.
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  - [1] The Cathedral shall be called and known by the name of “The Cathedral Church of St. David”.
  - [2] A reference to “the Dean” in this Ordinance means the Dean of Hobart and the Rector of the Cathedral Church of St David.
4. The Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop and is a focus for the life of the Diocese of Tasmania.
5. The Cathedral aims to provide:
  - [1] a ministry to the State, city and Diocese, which is affirming, inclusive and welcoming;
  - [2] parish ministry to those who worship at the Cathedral;
  - [3] worship revolving around the celebration of the Eucharist, with the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer said throughout the year;
  - [4] services of an appropriate nature for diocesan, civic, other significant occasions and for special interest community groups;
  - [5] ministry to all sections of the Hobart community, including the residents of and those who work within the inner City of Hobart;
  - [6] encouragement for the public support of the historically significant cathedral building through the St David’s Cathedral Foundation.
  - [7] a place open for private devotion, calm and inspiration;
  - [8] a platform for the expression and exploration of the Christian faith;
  - [9] opportunities to bring Christian perspectives to matters of social concern by offering a forum for public debate and discussion;
  - [10] caring services for the relief of those who are in special need and potentially the seriously disadvantaged;
  - [11] opportunities to promote and further Christian unity, ecumenical activities and inter-faith dialogue.
  - [12] opportunities to support mission within and beyond the Diocese.
6. The Bishop may –
  - [1] use the Cathedral;
  - [2] preach in the Cathedral when he desires, giving due notice to the Dean;
  - [3] take such part in divine service as he may wish;

- [4] when holding ordinations, confirmations, visitations or like services therein, appoint the preacher and nominate any content of such services;
- [5] after consulting with the Dean order a special service therein, and name the preacher.
7. [1] The Chapter shall consist of the Dean, two clerical Canons of the Cathedral appointed by the Bishop and eight Lay Canons, two of whom will be appointed by the Bishop, two of whom will be appointed by the Dean, and four elected by and from electors of the Cathedral Parish at a meeting convened by the Dean for that purpose.
- [2] Members of the Cathedral Chapter will be allocated a stall in the Cathedral and are entitled to wear insignia of their office.
- [3] Any vacancy in the Chapter other than the Dean will be filled within three months after it occurs.
- [4] Each Clerical and Lay Canon will hold office for 2 years.
8. [1] The Bishop will appoint the Dean in accordance with the procedure set out in this Ordinance.
- [2] The Bishop will appoint 3 persons and the Chapter will appoint 3 persons who will form a Selection Committee that the Bishop will chair.
- [3] The purpose of the Selection Committee is to recommend a suitable person to the Bishop for appointment as Dean of the Cathedral.
- [4] The Selection Committee will be called to meet by the Bishop and will decide its own meeting procedures and processes.
- [5] Should the person recommended by the Committee not be acceptable to the Bishop the Committee will reconvene and deliberate further and then recommend another person to the Bishop for appointment as the Dean.
- [6] Should the second person recommended by the Committee be rejected by the Bishop, the Bishop may proceed to make his own appointment to the position of Dean.
9. The Dean, with the agreement of the Cathedral Chapter, may appoint an assistant incumbent who will hold office for an agreed term save that the office will cease on the installation of a new Dean.
10. [1] The Bishop shall assign the cure of souls in the Parish of St. David's Cathedral to the Dean.
- [2] The Dean carries the responsibilities, rights and duties of an incumbent as laid down in the Parish Administration Ordinance and has nominated responsibilities within the diocese and other roles as required by the Bishop;
- [3] The Dean, subject to the laws of the Church, will be responsible for the ordering of the services in the Cathedral and all related matters. If the Chapter objects to any matter so ordered by the Dean the question will be referred to the Bishop and his decision, in writing, shall be final.
- [4] The Dean has a particular responsibility for ensuring that the aims of the Cathedral as set out in the Ordinance are achieved
- [5] When the office of Dean becomes vacant the nomination process will be initiated within six months of the vacancy.
- [6] During a period of vacancy in the office of Dean the Bishop may hold the office and may appoint a priest to perform the duties of incumbent.

11. The office of the Dean or of a Clerical Canon of the Cathedral or of the Diocese becomes vacant if he or she:
- [1] dies, or
  - [2] becomes incapable of performing the duties of office, or
  - [3] resigns the office in writing, addressed to the Bishop, and such resignation is accepted by the Bishop, or
  - [4] is absent from the Diocese for a period of three months without the consent of the Bishop, or
  - [5] ceases to hold the Bishop's Licence granted pursuant to section 3 (a) of the Clerical Licences Ordinance 1991 or
  - [6] as a Canon of the Cathedral completes the prescribed term of office.
12. The office of a Lay Canon shall become vacant if he or she:
- [1] dies, or
  - [2] becomes incapable of performing the duties of office or
  - [3] if elected by the Cathedral electors ceases to be an elector on the Cathedral roll, or if appointed by the Bishop ceases to be an elector of a parish within the Diocese, or
  - [4] is unavailable for Cathedral duties for three months without leave of absence granted by the Chapter, or
  - [5] resigns the office in writing, addressed to the Bishop or
  - [6] completes the prescribed term of office.
13. Canons of the Diocese appointed by the Bishop in addition to the Canons of the Cathedral will be given due recognition at Cathedral services and may wear insignia of their office as laid under by-laws of the Chapter approved by the Bishop.
14. The Chapter will:
- [1] advise and consult with the Dean to achieve the aims of the Cathedral as set out in clauses 4 and 5 of this Ordinance:
  - [2] have authority for the administration of the affairs of the Cathedral:
  - [3] have particular responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric of the Cathedral;
  - [4] elect a chair for meetings of the Chapter from amongst its members;
  - [5] appoint
    - a Secretary to the Chapter from amongst its members;
    - a Treasurer responsible for the preparation of financial statements including a budget for the approval of the Chapter;
    - other officers necessary for the conduct of Chapter responsibilities;
    - sub-committees from the members of the Chapter and/or the Parish and/or the Diocese for the discharge of particular responsibilities as may be required from time to time.
  - [6] have a quorum for any Chapter meeting of five Canons.

- [7] make such by-laws with the consent of the Bishop as is considered necessary to discharge its responsibilities.
15. The Bishop may confer an Emeritus title as appropriate, on any member of the Chapter on his or her resignation or retirement, in recognition of his or her services.
16. The Parish Administration Ordinance shall apply to the Parish of St David's Cathedral except insofar as it inconsistent with this Ordinance.