



CHAPTER  
OF ROCHESTER

CONSTITUTION AND  
STATUTES

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## **Preamble**

From its first foundation by St Augustine of Canterbury in AD 604, on land donated by King Ethelbert, the cathedral church of Rochester was served by a college of secular canons, and dedicated to St Andrew the Apostle.

Following the Norman conquest, Gundulf, a monk of Bec, was appointed Bishop of Rochester in 1077 and rebuilt the cathedral, replacing the secular canons with a Benedictine community. This was dissolved in 1541, when the last prior became the first dean and the cathedral, now dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, was placed under the care of a New Foundation of a dean and six residentiary canons, with priest vicars, lay clerks, choristers and King's Scholars on the Foundation.

Following a review of the governance of the English cathedrals and in accordance with the Cathedrals Measure 1999, a new Constitution and Statutes were approved by the Bishop of Rochester and authorised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to take effect from 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the beginning of the third Christian Millennium these perpetuate a community charged with holy living, prayer and study and the faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament, and the forwarding of the purpose of the Cathedral Church as the seat of the bishop and a centre of worship and mission.

**AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM**

**CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE  
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
ROCHESTER**

**THE CONSTITUTION**

**1. Definitions**

1.1. In the Constitution and in the Statutes:

‘actual communicant’ means a person who has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a church in communion with the Church of England at least three times within the preceding twelve months;

‘Cathedral’ means the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rochester.

‘cathedral duties’ means duties, whether in or pertaining to the Cathedral or the Diocese, which should, in the opinion of the Chapter after consultation with the Bishop, be discharged in or from the Cathedral;

‘Diocese’ means the Diocese of Rochester and ‘diocesan’ shall be construed accordingly;

‘The Measure’ means the Cathedrals Measure 1999 and any subsequent amendments

‘See’ means See of Rochester.

1.2. A reference in the Constitution and Statutes to the holder of any office, dignity or preferment shall be to the holder for the time being of such office, dignity or preferment in the Cathedral or, as the case requires, in the Diocese.

**2. Overriding Duty**

2.1. Every person or body having a function under the Constitution or Statutes shall, in exercising that function, have due regard to the fact that the Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop and a centre of worship and mission.

**3. The Corporation**

3.1. The members for the time being of the Council, the Chapter and the College of Canons of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rochester shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal (to be known as the common seal of the Cathedral).

**4. The Visitor**

4.1. The Bishop of Rochester shall be Visitor of the Cathedral and shall have all the powers that belong as of right to the office of Visitor.

## **5. The Dean**

- 5.1. The Dean, being a person having the qualifications prescribed by law, is appointed by Her Majesty. The Dean shall vacate his or her office automatically and without the execution of any instrument of resignation in accordance with the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure 1975.

## **6. The Residentiary Canons**

- 6.1. The number of Residentiary Canons shall not exceed six at any one time. Two Canons are appointed by Her Majesty and the remainder by the Bishop after consultation with the Dean.
- 6.2. The holders of not less than two residentiary canonries shall, subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Measure, be engaged exclusively on cathedral duties.
- 6.3. Any residentiary canon appointed for a term of years and who held office on 31 January 2011 on freehold tenure prior to 31 January 2011 and from whom the bishop has received a declaration made in accordance with section 1(4) of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009; or on or after 31 January 2011, holds office in accordance with the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 and any regulations made under section 2 of that Measure.
- 6.4. A Residentiary Canon shall vacate his or her canonry automatically and without the execution of any instrument of resignation in accordance with the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure 1975.
- 6.5. The Bishop may after consultation with the Chapter suspend and refrain from filling a residentiary canonry (other than one to which Her Majesty appoints) which has fallen vacant, and may after like consultation, revive and appoint to such a residentiary canonry, subject to there being three residentiary canons at any one time.
- 6.6. No provision in this constitution or statutes shall adversely affect the tenure of office of any person holding office as a Residentiary Canon immediately before the coming into force of this constitution unless that person, by a signed instrument in writing agrees to be bound by that provision.

## **7. The Honorary Canons**

- 7.1. Subject to the following provisions of this section there shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the Dean from among persons in Holy Orders not more than twenty-five Honorary Canons, of whom not less than eighteen shall be beneficed or licensed in the Diocese.
- 7.2. Any Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop at the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop. Any Archdeacon, not being a Residentiary Canon, shall be a supernumerary Honorary Canon.

- 7.3. An Honorary Canon shall vacate office automatically and without the execution of any instrument of resignation upon ceasing to be beneficed or licensed in the Diocese, except that the tenure of office of an Honorary Canon beneficed or licensed outside the Diocese shall be for such period as the Bishop shall order.

Provided that an Honorary Canon who has been appointed in connection with some office held or function performed by him or her shall, so long as he or she holds such office or performs such function, continue in the honorary canonry, but on ceasing to hold such office or perform such function shall vacate the honorary canonry unless the Bishop otherwise determines.

- 7.4. Subject to the following provisions of this section there shall be not more than seven Lay Canons who shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the Dean from among members of the laity who have given distinguished service to the Diocese or the Cathedral and who are actual communicants. These seven shall include lay members of Chapter who become lay canons by virtue of being members of Chapter.
- 7.5. A Lay Canon shall seek to contribute to the corporate life of the Cathedral and to promote its mission and service.
- 7.6. A Lay Canon shall subject to sub-section 7.7 below hold office for an initial appointment of three years but may be re-appointed for a further such term or terms.
- 7.7. A Lay Canon shall vacate his or her office automatically and without the execution of any instrument of resignation upon attaining seventy years of age.

## **8. Ecumenical Canons of Honour**

- 8.1. The Bishop, in consultation with the Dean, may appoint up to four Ecumenical Canons of Honour from other Christian churches. Ecumenical Canons of Honour are not Canons within the meaning of the Measure.
- 8.2. The tenure of office of an Ecumenical Canon of Honour shall be for such a period as the Bishop shall order.

## **9. The Chapter**

- 9.1. There shall be a Chapter which shall, subject to the provisions of section 4 of the Measure, consist of
- 9.1.1. the Dean, who shall be the chairman and shall have a second or casting vote;
  - 9.1.2. all the Residentiary Canons; and
  - 9.1.3. three persons appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Dean, of whom not less than two shall be lay persons. The lay members of Chapter will be admitted as Lay Canons for the duration of their membership of Chapter but will not be subject to the age restriction in 7.7.

The members in category 9.1.3 shall hold office for three years but may be re-appointed for further terms of office.

- 9.2. The Chapter Clerk - Executive Director shall have the right to be present at all Chapter meetings.
- 9.3. It shall be the duty of the Chapter to direct and oversee the administration of the affairs of the Cathedral and, in particular, to
- 9.3.1. order the worship and promote the mission of the Cathedral;
  - 9.3.2. formulate proposals, after consultation with the Bishop, in connection with the general direction and mission of the Cathedral and submit them to the Council for its advice;
  - 9.3.3. manage all property vested in the Chapter and the income accruing from it and, ensure that necessary repairs and maintenance in respect of the Cathedral and its contents and other buildings and monuments are carried out;
  - 9.3.4. prepare an annual budget for the Cathedral and submit it to the Council;
  - 9.3.5. prepare an annual report and audited accounts in accordance with section 27 of the Measure, and submit them to the Council and the College of Canons;
  - 9.3.6. prepare and submit to the Council such other reports as may be requested by the Council on any matter concerning the Cathedral;
  - 9.3.7. keep under review the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral and submit any proposals for their revision to the Council;
  - 9.3.8. hold the Common Seal of the Cathedral and affix it when required.
- 9.4. The Chapter shall meet on not less than nine occasions in each calendar year.
- 9.5. The Chapter shall have power, subject to the provisions of the Measure and the Care of Cathedrals Measure 1990 (as amended), to acquire and dispose of property on behalf of the corporate body of the Cathedral established by this Constitution.

## **10. The Finance Committee of the Chapter**

- 10.1. There shall be a finance committee of the Chapter with the responsibility of advising the Chapter in connection with its responsibilities in the field of financial and investment management.
- 10.2. The committee shall consist of:  
the Dean;  
the Chapter Clerk - Executive Director;  
and the following appointed by the Chapter:  
one Residentiary Canon;  
one other member of the Chapter;  
not less than two persons, not being members of the Chapter, appointed for their expertise and experience in the field of financial and investment management.
- 10.3. The members of this committee, other than ex-officio members, who are not members of the Chapter shall hold office for a term of three years but may be re-appointed for further terms of office.

## **11. Other Committees**

- 11.1. The Chapter may establish such other committees as it may determine, and may delegate functions, powers and duties to any committee. The Dean shall be a member of each such committee. If the Chapter so determines, persons who are not members of the Chapter may be members of such a committee.

## **12. The Council**

- 12.1. There shall be a Council consisting of
- 12.1.1. a chairman appointed in accordance with sub section 12.2 below;
  - 12.1.2. the Dean;
  - 12.1.3. two other members of the Chapter chosen by the Chapter;
  - 12.1.4. two members of the College of Canons chosen by the College of Canons;
  - 12.1.5. two lay persons, not being members of the Chapter, representing the interests of the Cathedral community and elected at a meeting of members of the Cathedral community from amongst those on the roll of such members;
  - 12.1.6. nine other persons, comprising;
    - one person appointed by the Chapter to reflect the ecumenical involvement of the Cathedral;
    - one person appointed by the Bishop to reflect the ecumenical involvement of the Diocese;
    - one person appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Lord Lieutenant of Kent;
    - three persons appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Chairman of Kent County Council and the Mayors of the boroughs and councils in the Diocese;
    - one person appointed by the Chapter after consultation with the principals of one or more of the institutions of higher education in the Diocese;
    - one rural dean of a deanery in the Diocese, appointed by the Bishop;
    - one person in holy Orders licensed in the Diocese, appointed by the Bishop.
- 12.2. The chairman shall be a lay person, not being a member of the Chapter, appointed by the Bishop, who shall before making an appointment afford the Chapter an opportunity to express views both in general as to the appointment and as to any specific person proposed by the Bishop for appointment and who shall in deciding whom to appoint have regard to those views.
- 12.3. The chairman and other members of the Council (other than the Dean) shall hold office for a term of three years but shall be eligible for membership for further terms of office.
- 12.4. The Bishop has the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of the Council but not to vote.
- 12.5. The Council shall meet on not less than two occasions in each calendar year.

- 12.6. It shall be the duty of the Council to further and support the work of the Cathedral, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, reviewing and advising upon the direction and oversight of that work by the Chapter and in particular, to
- 12.6.1. consider proposals submitted by the Chapter in connection with the general direction and mission of the Cathedral and to give advice on them to the Chapter;
  - 12.6.2. receive and consider the annual budget of the Cathedral;
  - 12.6.3. receive and consider the annual report and audited accounts; and
  - 12.6.4. consider proposals submitted by the Chapter in connection with the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral with a view to their revision under Part II of the Measure.
- 12.7. The Council may:
- 12.7.1. with the consent of the Bishop, revise the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral under Part II of the Measure having afforded the Chapter an opportunity to express views as to the Council's proposals for revision and having regard to those views;
  - 12.7.2. request reports from the Chapter on any matter concerning the Cathedral;
  - 12.7.3. discuss and declare its opinion on any such matter; and
  - 12.7.4. draw any matter to the attention of the Visitor or the Church Commissioners.

### **13. The College of Canons**

- 13.1. There shall be a College of Canons consisting of
- 13.1.1. the Dean;
  - 13.1.2. every Bishop Suffragan;
  - 13.1.3. every assistant bishop in the Diocese;
  - 13.1.4. every Canon, which includes lay canons and non-residentiary honorary canons but not minor canons and Ecumenical Canons of Honour; and
  - 13.1.5. every Archdeacon.
- 13.2. In the event of a vacancy in the See, the College of Canons shall be summoned by the Dean to meet and on receiving from Her Majesty a licence under the Great Seal with a letter missive as provided by the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533 shall proceed to the election of a Bishop in the manner laid down by that Act.
- 13.3. The College of Canons shall:
- 13.3.1. receive and consider the annual report and audited accounts of
  - 13.3.2. the Cathedral; and
  - 13.3.3. discuss such matters concerning the Cathedral as may be raised by any of its members.

### **14. The Chapter Clerk - Executive Director and Other Officers**

- 14.1. There shall be a Chapter Clerk - Executive Director of the Cathedral, who shall be appointed by the Chapter on such terms in respect of tenure, remuneration and duties as the Chapter may determine.
- 14.2. There shall be a Surveyor of the Fabric of the Cathedral, who shall be a person registered under the Architects Act 1997 or any Act amending or extending the

same, and shall be appointed by the Chapter (after consulting the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England) on such terms in respect of tenure, remuneration and duties as the Chapter may determine.

- 14.3. There shall be an Auditor, who shall be a person who may audit the accounts of a charity under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993, or any Act amending or extending the same, and shall be appointed by the Chapter on such terms in respect of tenure and remuneration as the Chapter may determine, and who shall audit the accounts of the Cathedral in accordance with Section 27 of the Measure.
- 14.4. There shall be a Director of Music who shall be appointed by the Chapter on such terms in respect of tenure, remuneration and duties as the Chapter may determine.

## **15. The Foundation**

- 15.1. The Foundation derives from the Charter of re-foundation of King Henry VIII dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 1541 and shall continue in existence and shall comprise such persons as are stipulated in the Statutes.

## **16. The Cathedral Community Roll**

- 16.1. The Chapter Clerk - Executive Director shall as soon as practicable after the coming into effect of this Constitution form and thereafter maintain a roll containing the names of persons who are members of the Cathedral community and apply to be enrolled as such.
- 16.2. For the purposes of the Constitution and Statutes, the members of the Cathedral community shall be persons over the age of sixteen years who:
- 16.2.1. worship regularly in the cathedral; or
  - 16.2.2. are engaged in work or service connected with the cathedral in a regular capacity.
- 16.3. If any question arises as to whether a person applying to be enrolled is a member of the Cathedral community, that question shall be determined by the Dean.
- 16.4. The Chapter may establish a Cathedral Community Committee and may delegate to the committee such functions, powers and duties relating to the Cathedral community as the Chapter may determine.

## **17. Provisions Applicable to the Constitution and The Statutes**

- 17.1. No repeal or amendment of, nor any additions to, the Constitution or the Statutes shall be made except in accordance with the provisions of the Measure.
- 17.2. Nothing in the Constitution or Statutes shall affect any right of patronage or other right or interest of Her Majesty.

## **THE STATUTES**

### **Statute I: The Bishop**

- (1) The Bishop shall have the principal seat and dignity in the Cathedral.
- (2) After consultation with the Chapter, the Bishop may officiate in the Cathedral and use it in his work of teaching and mission, for ordinations and synods and for other diocesan occasions and purposes. 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.
- (3) The Bishop may preside at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and preach or appoint the preacher at one of the principal Eucharists on Easter Day and one of the principal Eucharists on Christmas Day and after consultation with the Dean on three other Sundays of his choice in each year.
- (4) The Bishop may at any time seek the advice and assistance of the Chapter on any matter.
- (5) The Bishop shall as Visitor hear and determine any question as to the construction of the Constitution and Statutes.
- (6) The Bishop may hold a visitation of the Cathedral including the Foundation when he considers it desirable or necessary to do so or when requested by the Council or the Chapter.
- (7) In the course of a visitation, the Bishop may give such directions to the Chapter, to the holder of any office in the Cathedral or to any person employed by the Chapter as will, in the opinion of the Bishop, better serve the due observance of the Constitution and Statutes.
- (8) It shall be the duty of any person or body on whom functions are conferred by the Constitution and Statutes to act in accordance with any determination under paragraph (5) above and any direction under paragraph (7).
- (9) The Bishop may at any time propose for consideration by the Council amendments to the Constitution and Statutes.

### **Statute II: The Dean**

- (1) The Dean shall be the principal dignitary of the Cathedral, next after the Bishop. The Dean is head of the Foundation.
- (2) The Dean shall on installation make such declarations and take such oaths as may be prescribed by law.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Dean as chairman of the Chapter to govern and direct on its behalf the life and work of the Cathedral and, in particular, to:
  - (a) ensure that Divine Service is duly performed in the Cathedral;
  - (b) ensure that the Constitution and Statutes are faithfully observed;
  - (c) maintain good order and proper reverence in the Cathedral;
  - (d) secure the pastoral care of all members of the Cathedral community and

- (e) take all decisions necessary to deal with any emergency affecting the Cathedral, pending consideration of the matter by the Chapter.
- (4) If the office of Dean is vacant, or the Bishop considers that the Dean is unable to discharge any or all of his or her functions by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, the Bishop shall, after consultation with the Chapter, appoint a Residentiary Canon to carry out such functions as the Dean is unable to discharge during the period in question; and references in the Constitution and Statutes to the Dean shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) If any question arises whether an appointment under paragraph (4) above is justified, that question shall be determined by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- (6) The Dean shall occupy the Deanery or some other residence approved or provided by the Chapter.

### **Statute III: The Residentiary Canons**

- (1) The Residentiary Canons shall undertake such duties in the Cathedral as shall be agreed at the time of their appointment. These duties may be varied thereafter as the Chapter shall determine after consultation with them. They shall endeavour to strengthen the whole corporate life, worship and work of the Cathedral and to promote the mission and ministry of the Cathedral in the Diocese and civic communities.
- (2) Each Residentiary Canon shall occupy a house which shall be provided by the Chapter. Where a Residentiary Canon also holds a substantive diocesan post then arrangement for housing shall be agreed with the diocese.

### **Statute IV: Emeritus Titles**

The Bishop may confer upon a Dean, a Residentiary Canon, an Honorary Canon, a Lay Canon or an Ecumenical Canon of Honour who vacates office the title, as the case may be, of Dean Emeritus or Canon 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.

### **Statute V: The Council**

- (1) Meetings of the Council shall be called by the chairman, in accordance with a resolution of the Council, on his or her own motion, or on the written requisition of not less than half the members of the Council. At least seven days notice shall be given of a meeting.
- (2) The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Council shall be one third of its members.
- (3) In the absence of the chairman, the Council shall elect one of its members to preside over it.

## **Statute VI: The Chapter**

- (1) Meetings of the Chapter shall be called by the Dean, in accordance with a resolution of the Chapter, on his or her own motion, or on the written requisition of not less than four members of the Chapter.
- (2) The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Chapter shall be four of its members at least one of whom shall be a non-residentiary member.
- (3) In the absence of the Dean or of any person appointed to exercise the functions of the Dean under Statute II, the Chapter shall elect one of its members to preside over it, but such person shall not have a second or casting vote.
- (4) The following steps shall not be taken without the consent of the Dean -
  - (a) any alteration of the ordering of services in the Cathedral;
  - (b) the settlement of the Cathedral's budget;
  - (c) the implementation of any decision taken by the Chapter in the Dean's absence;

Provided that, in the case of a decision taken by the Chapter as to any matter other than one mentioned in sub-paragraph (4a) or (4b) above, his or her consent shall be deemed to have been given for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4c) above after the expiry of one month following the date on which the decision was taken unless, within that period, the Dean requests the Chapter to reconsider the decision at the next meeting of the Chapter, in which case the matter shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting at the meeting, the Dean having a second or casting vote.

## **Statute VII: Portfolios**

The Chapter may elect members of the Chapter to take responsibility for specified aspects of the work of the Cathedral.

## **Statute VIII: The College of Canons**

The College of Canons shall meet in May each year, save in exceptional circumstances, to consider the annual report and audited accounts of the Cathedral and to discuss such matters concerning the Cathedral as may be raised by any of its members. The College may also meet at St Andrew's Tide when the Foundation Callover takes place. Not less than 28 days notice shall be given of these meetings.

## **Statute IX: Vacancies in Membership**

No proceedings of the Council, the Chapter or the College of Canons shall be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership or by any defect in the qualification or election of any member.

## **Statute X: The Chapter Clerk - Executive Director**

- (1) The Chapter shall appoint a suitably qualified person as Clerk – Executive Director to the Chapter and the Council.
- (2) The terms of reference, remuneration and conditions of service of the Chapter Clerk - Executive Director will be in the form of a contract agreed with the Chapter.

**Statute XI: The Priest Vicars**

- (1) There may be one or more Priest Vicars appointed for Cathedral duties by the Chapter, being Clerks in Holy Orders who are licensed by the Bishop, whose terms of reference, remuneration and conditions of service will be in the form of a contract agreed with the Chapter.
- (2) The Chapter may appoint Clerks in Holy Orders who are licensed by the Bishop or have his permission to officiate to be Honorary Priest Vicars for occasional duties in the Cathedral Church,

**Statute XII: The Director of Music and Organists**

- (1) The Chapter shall appoint a Director of Music in accordance with paragraph 14.4 of the Constitution. The terms of reference, remuneration and conditions of service of the Director of Music shall be laid down in a contract agreed with the Chapter. The Director of Music is the person appointed to have the function of supervising music in the Cathedral under the direction of the Chapter.
- (2) The Chapter may also appoint additional musicians to support the work of the Director of Music. The appointments and duties shall be decided in consultation with the Director of Music and approved by the Chapter. Terms of reference, remuneration and conditions of service of such posts shall be laid down in the contract agreed with the Chapter.

**Statute XIII: The Lay Clerks**

- (1) The Cathedral may appoint lay clerks.
- (2) Where there are no lay clerks the Director of Music is responsible for ensuring that appropriate musical provision is made for Alto, Tenor and Bass support for the choirs during sung services.
- (3) The terms of reference, remuneration and conditions of service for those providing such support shall be agreed by Chapter.

**Statute XIV: The Choristers**

- (1) There shall be in the Cathedral no fewer than twelve and no more than eighteen boy Choristers who shall be pupils of King's School Rochester, and who shall be chosen by the Chapter, or a person to whom it may delegate such choice, in consultation with the School.
- (2) There shall be in the Cathedral no fewer than twelve and no more than eighteen girl choristers who shall be chosen by the Chapter, or a person to whom it may delegate such choice.

**Statute XV: Voluntary Choirs**

There may be in the Cathedral other choirs chosen to sing on a voluntary basis, as decided by the Chapter or a person to whom it may delegate such choice.

### **Statute XVI: The Foundation**

- (1) The Foundation consists of: the members of the Chapter, the Council, the College of Canons; the Chapter Clerk - Executive Director, the Headmaster of King's School Rochester, the Surveyor of the Fabric, The Archaeologist, the chair of Rochester Cathedral Trust, the Priest Vicars, any clerk in holy orders who is licensed to the Cathedral, any lay minister who is authorised or licensed to the Cathedral, the Director of Music, the Assistant Director of Music, the Organist, the Director of the Voluntary Choir, the King's Scholars, boy and girl Choristers, the Vergers, the Education Officers and the Head Gardener and such other members of staff as Chapter shall deem appropriate.
- (2) Membership of the Foundation may be varied from time to time by the Chapter as circumstances require.

### **Statute XVII: King's School Rochester**

- (1) King's School Rochester is the Cathedral School and worships in the Cathedral. The Dean shall be Chairman ex-officio of the Governors and the Residentiary Canons, or their nominees, shall be Governors.
- (2) The appointment of the Headmaster by the Governing Body shall require the consent of the Dean and Residentiary Canons.
- (3) Any Clerks in Holy Orders on the Staff of King's School Rochester, licensed by the Bishop, shall be Priest Vicars, ex-officio. Such appointments will not necessarily involve any duties in the Cathedral other than those required by the School.
- (4) There shall be such King's Scholars as may be nominated by the Headmaster and admitted by the Dean.

### **Statute XVIII: Other Officers**

- (1) There shall be in the Cathedral no fewer than two vergers to be appointed by the Chapter on such evidence as to qualifications and character as the Chapter thinks fit.
- (2) The Chapter may appoint such other officers as it considers necessary for the proper accomplishment of the Cathedral's role and mission.

### **Statute XIX: Divine Service**

- (1) The Dean and Residentiary Canons shall provide that Morning and Evening Prayer are said or sung daily, and the Holy Eucharist celebrated according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England.
- (2) Subject to the provisions regarding the Bishop set out in Statute I:
  - (a) The Dean shall have the right to preside at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist once on every Sunday;

- (b) Each Residentiary Canon shall, when in residence, have the right to preside at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on such principal Holy Days for which other provision is not made in these Statutes.
- (3) At all times there shall be a canon in residence, or exceptionally a deputy, who shall attend the daily Offices of morning and evening prayer.

**Statute XX: Preaching of Sermons**

- (1) The Bishop may preach or appoint the preacher at one of the principal Eucharists on such occasions as are laid down in Statute 1.
- (2) The Dean shall preach or appoint the preacher on whichever of the two principal Eucharists on Easter Day and on Christmas Day as is not selected by the Bishop. The Dean shall also preach or appoint the preacher on ten Sundays in every year.
- (3) Each Residentiary Canon shall preach or appoint the preacher on not less than five Sundays in every year.
- (4) Members of the College of Canons, being Clerks in Holy Orders, may preach in the Cathedral at least once in every three years.
- (5) The Headmaster of King's School, when a Clerk in Holy Orders, shall have the right to preach in the Cathedral once in every three years.

**Statute XXI: Patronage**

Subject to the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, any presentations or nominations to benefices in the patronage of the Cathedral shall be exercised by a committee of the Chapter styled the Patronage Committee.

**Statute XXII: Provisions as to Property**

The Chapter shall ensure that all matters concerning the property vested in the Corporation shall be dealt with in conformity with the provisions of Sections 13 to 20 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999.

**Statute XXIII: Financial Provisions**

The Chapter shall ensure that all matters concerning the finances of the Cathedral shall be dealt with in conformity with the provisions of Sections 21 to 27 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999.

**Statute XXIV: By Laws**

The Chapter may make by-laws not being inconsistent with the Measure, the Constitution or these Statutes.

**Statute XXV: Order of Precedence**

The order of precedence within the Cathedral shall be determined by the Dean after consultation with the Chapter.