History

The Cathedral Church of St Paul in London has been governed according to several constitutions during its long history. This Constitution & Statutes was drawn up under the Cathedrals Measure 1999 and came into operation on the 1st of May 2000, superseding the one established under the Cathedrals Measure 1963 by Order in Council of 12th July 1968.

Amendments

1. Statute XII — The Cathedral School — was amended on 1 September 2005 to allow for delegated governance of the school.

2. Articles 6.2(c) and 6.4 — Additional Chapter Members — were amended on 19 September 2006 to bar such members from serving more than three terms of office and to allow them to receive remuneration if deemed appropriate.

3. Articles 6.2(c), 6.3 and 6.4 — Additional Chapter Members — were amended on 2nd February 2014 to allow for the appointment of four rather than three such members.

4. A complete revision, after consultation with the Council and the College of Canons in February and March 2015, re-ordered the Constitution & Statutes to fit with the structure of the Cathedrals Measure and to include the statutory requirements of the Measure in the Constitution. It also re-worked many of the provisions to bring them up to date, and to make them more flexible for the future in line with the strategic planning of the Cathedral. The revision was sealed on xxxxxxxx.
THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution sets out the legal framework for the governance of St Paul’s Cathedral in accordance with the requirements of the Cathedrals Measure 1999.

THE ROLE OF THE CATHEDRAL

1. The Cathedral Church of St Paul in London is the seat of the Bishop of London and a centre for worship and mission.

THE CORPORATION

2. There shall be a body called “the Council”, a body called “the Chapter” and a body called “the College of Canons”, the members for the time being of which shall together be a body corporate to be known as the Corporation of the Cathedral Church of St Paul in London with perpetual succession and a common seal to be known as the Common Seal of the said Cathedral.

THE VISITOR

3. The Bishop is the Visitor of the Cathedral Church and shall have power to do all such things as belong as of right to the office of Visitor.

THE DEAN

4.1 The Dean is the Chairman of the Chapter and the College of Canons and shall be a member of all committees of the Chapter.

4.2 Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Dean the person whom Her Majesty appoints to that office shall be a priest who has been not less than six complete years in Holy Orders, and who is not only learned but also distinguished by some title or proof of learning.

4.3 The Dean as the Chairman of the Chapter shall have a second or casting vote.

THE COUNCIL

3.1 There shall be a Council which shall further and support the work of the Cathedral, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, social and ecumenical, reviewing and advising upon the direction and oversight of that work by Chapter.

3.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing it shall be the duty of the Council to:

(a) consider proposals submitted by the Chapter in connection with the general direction and mission of the Cathedral and to give advice on them to Chapter;

(b) receive and consider the annual budget of the Cathedral;

(c) receive and consider the annual report and audited accounts;
(d) 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.

3.3 The Council may:
(a) request reports from the Chapter on any matter concerning the Cathedral;
(b) discuss and declare its opinions on any such matter; and
(c) draw any matter to the attention of the Visitor or the Church Commissioners.

3.4 The Bishop shall appoint a lay person, not being a member of the Chapter, to chair the Council, but shall -
(a) before doing so he shall 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
(b) in deciding whom to appoint he shall have regard to those views in deciding whom to appoint.

3.5 The membership of the Council shall consist of:
(a) the Chairman;
(b) the Dean;
(c) five other members of the Chapter chosen by it;
(d) two members of the College of Canons appointed by it;
(e) three lay persons, not being members of the Chapter, representing the interests of the Cathedral Community, elected by those on the roll of members of the Cathedral Community from amongst their number in the manner prescribed in the Statutes;
(f) eight persons appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Crown, the Corporation of the City of London, the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod, and the Chapter, being persons having experience in connection with the work of the Cathedral or the ability to reflect local, diocesan, ecumenical or national interests in that connection.

3.6 The Bishop shall be entitled to be present at meetings of the Council and to speak, but not to vote.

3.7 All members of the Council other than the Dean shall hold office for a term of four years, but shall be eligible for membership for further terms of office.

3.8 The Council shall meet on at least two occasions in the course of every calendar year.

THE CHAPTER

4.1 There shall be a Chapter which shall direct and oversee the administration of the affairs of the Cathedral, subject only to the functions assigned to the Council and the College of Canons under the Measure.

4.2 The membership of the Chapter shall consist of:
(a) the Dean;
(b) the Residencia Canons of the Cathedral;
(c) four additional persons, of whom not less than two at least two-thirds of whom shall be lay persons, appointed by the Bishop and with the agreement of the Dean, after consultation with the Chapter and the Chair of the Council (save in respect of the first
appointments to be made). These persons shall be appointed for an initial term of hold office of for three years, and shall be eligible for appointment for second and third membership for further terms of office of three years. No additional member shall be appointed for more than three consecutive terms.

6.3 In the event of a vacancy occurring during the term of office of a member in paragraph 6.2(c), the Bishop and the Dean after consultation with the Council shall appoint a new member for a term of three years from the date of appointment, provided that three of the members in paragraph 6.2(c) shall still be lay persons.

4.3 The four additional persons shall be appointed with regard to the special expertise they are able to bring to the work of the Chapter; and they may, subject to the approval of the Bishop and after consultation with the Council, receive whatever remuneration shall be deemed appropriate from time to time both in respect of their appointment as additional members of Chapter and of any additional work that might be undertaken on behalf of the Cathedral. They may be contracted to provide consultancy services to the Chapter and receive payment, PROVIDED THAT in each case Chapter is satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Cathedral to enter into such an agreement and the person who may receive such payment takes no part in the appointment, either prior to any appointment or subsequently be paid reasonable compensation for loss of earnings, in addition to personal expenses incurred solely by reason of their appointment.

4.4 The Dean shall be the chairman chair the Chapter and have a second or casting vote, and shall be a member of every committee of the Chapter.

4.5 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing it shall be the duty of the Chapter to:

(a) order the worship and promote the mission of the Cathedral;

(b) formulate, after consultation with the Bishop, proposals in connection with the general direction and mission of the Cathedral and submit them to the Council for its advice;

(c) prepare an annual budget for the Cathedral;

(d) manage all property vested in the Cathedral and the income accruing from it and, in particular, ensure that necessary repairs and maintenance in respect of the Cathedral and its contents and other buildings and monuments are carried out:

(e) appoint all Minor Canons other ordained and lay people serving in the Cathedral and determine the term of service, duties and remuneration in accordance where required with the terms of Common Tenure;

(f) make all presentations or nominations to benefices in the patronage of the Cathedral, subject to the provisions of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986.

(g) submit to the Council the annual report and audited accounts prepared by the Chapter in accordance with Section 27 of the Measure and such other reports as may be requested by the Council on any matter concerning the Cathedral;

(h) submit to the College of Canons the annual report and audited accounts prepared as aforesaid;

(i) keep under review the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral and submit any proposals for their revision to the Council;

(j) perform such other tasks as are consistent with their executive responsibilities for management and development.

4.6 The Chapter shall have power to acquire and dispose of property on behalf of the Corporation, subject to the consents required under Section 15 of the Measure, and subject to the provisions of the Care of Cathedrals Measure 1990, and provided that monies which
form part of the endowment of the Cathedral shall not be invested or used except as provided by Section 16 of the Measure.

4.7 The Common Seal shall be in the custody of the Chapter and shall not be affixed to any document except on a formal resolution of the Chapter, or in the case of any matter within the jurisdiction of the Council or of the College of Canons on a resolution of the Council or of the College of Canons requesting the Chapter to cause the seal to be affixed to the document. A memorandum of each Seal so affixed shall be recorded in the Seal-Book.

4.8 The Chapter shall meet on at least nine occasions in each calendar year.

THE COLLEGE OF CANONS

5.1 There shall be a College of Canons consisting of:
   (a) the Dean;
   (b) the Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral;
   (c) any Canon Non-Residentiary of the Cathedral;
   (d) the Lay Canons of the Cathedral;
   (e) the Area Bishops;
   (f) the Bishops Suffragan;
   (g) every full-time stipendiary Assistant Bishop;
   (h) the Archdeacons:
   (i) the Prebendaries and Lay Prebendaries of the Cathedral.

5.2 The College of Canons shall:
   (a) receive and consider the Annual Report and Audited Accounts;
   (b) discuss such matters concerning the Cathedral as may be raised by any of its members.

5.3 The College of Canons shall perform the functions conferred by the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533 on the Dean and Chapter, and that Act shall accordingly have effect as if references to the Dean and Chapter were references to the College of Canons.

THE BISHOP

6.1 The Bishop shall have the principal seat and dignity in the Cathedral.

6.2 After consultation with the Chapter and subject to any provision in the statutes, the Bishop may officiate in the cathedral and use it for the work of teaching and mission, for ordinations and synods and for other diocesan occasions and purposes.

6.3 The Chapter shall consult with the Bishop at least once a year in respect of the general direction and mission of the Cathedral, and the Bishop may at any time seek the advice of the Chapter on any matter.

6.4 The Bishop is the Visitor of the Cathedral and shall have power to do all such things as belong as of right to the office of Visitor.

6.5 The Bishop shall as Visitor hear and determine any question as to the construction of the constitution and statutes.
6.6 The Bishop may hold a visitation of the Cathedral when he considering it desirable or necessary to do so or when requested by the Council or the Chapter. 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 Cathedral as will, in the opinion of the Bishop, better serve the due observance of the Constitution and Statutes. It shall be the duty of any person or body on whom functions are conferred by or under this the Measure to act in accordance with any determination or directions given by the Bishop.

6.7 The Bishop may at any time propose for consideration by the Council amendments to the Constitution and Statutes.

THE DEAN

7.1 The Dean is, next after the Bishop, the principal dignitary of the Cathedral, and is appointed by Her Majesty the Crown and instituted by the Bishop under the terms of Common Tenure.

7.2 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;
(e) and take all decisions, in co-operation with the Canon in Residence, necessary to deal with any emergency affecting the Cathedral, pending urgent consideration of the matter by the Chapter.

7.3 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 paragraphs (a) or (b) above, his the Dean’s consent shall be deemed to have been given for the purposes of paragraph (c) 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.

7.4 If the office of Dean is vacant or the Bishop considers that the Dean will be unable to discharge any or all of his decanal 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 to the Dean in the Measure, Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral shall be construed accordingly. If any question arises whether an appointment under this paragraph is justified, that question shall be determined by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
CANONS RESIDENTIARY

8.1 Of the Canons Residentiary, being persons having the qualifications prescribed by law, three shall be appointed by Her Majesty the Crown and shall be instituted by the Bishop, and all additional Canons Residentiary, of whom there shall be not more than three, shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the agreement of the Dean after consultation with the Chapter and shall be duly collated by the Bishop; the appointments being held under the terms of Common Tenure.

8.2 (a) Two Canons Residentiary shall be engaged exclusively on Cathedral duties, subject to the proviso contained in Section 8(2) of the Measure.

(b) All other Canons Residentiary shall be engaged exclusively on Cathedral duties, subject only to the requirement that the Chapter shall at all times seek to advance the mission of the Church in the Diocese and beyond.

7.3 Unless after consultation with the Chapter, Her Majesty or the Bishop as the appointing body shall determine at the time of any vacancy that a Residentiary Canonry shall be a freehold appointment, the Canonry shall be held for a term not exceeding seven years and may be renewed after consultation with the Chapter for a further term of years to be specified by Her Majesty, or where the Bishop is the appointing body specified by the Bishop with the agreement of the Dean.

7.4 Any Canon Residentiary in office at the date when this Constitution comes into force shall continue in office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

PREBENDARIES

9.1 There shall be not more than thirty Prebendaries who shall be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the agreement of the Dean and shall be duly collated by the Bishop and installed by the Dean according to the customs of the Cathedral.

9.2 Of the Prebendaries, not less fewer than twenty six shall be appointed from the clergy beneficed or licensed to serve in the Diocese of London, and any additional appointments shall be made from clergy who exercise a wider ministry in the Church of England.

9.3 A Prebendary who is serving in the Diocese of London at the time of appointment shall vacate the title and office of a Prebendary of the Cathedral on ceasing to hold a benefice or to be licensed to serve in the Diocese, unless the Bishop in consultation with the Dean requests the Prebendary in writing to continue in office.

9.4 A Prebendary who is appointed from clergy who exercise a wider ministry in the Church of England shall be appointed for a term of five years and may be eligible for appointment for a further term or terms of five years, but in any event shall vacate the title and office of a Prebendary automatically on ceasing to be beneficed or licensed hold the office by virtue of which they were first appointed.

LAY PREBENDARIES

10.1 There shall be not more than fifteen Lay Prebendaries who shall be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the agreement of the Dean from among lay persons who are giving distinguished service or are to render service in the Diocese or to the Cathedral, who are actual communicant members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England and are resident in, or on the electoral roll of a church in, the Diocese. They shall be installed by the Dean according to the customs of the Cathedral.
10.2 Lay Prebendaries shall hold office for an initial term of between three and five years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for second and third terms of three years and shall vacate their offices automatically and without the execution of any instrument of resignation upon ceasing to fulfil the requirements in 10.1 above; in case of doubt the determination of the Bishop shall be final.

THE COMPANY OF HONORARY CANONS

11.1 There shall be a Company of not more than ten Honorary Canons.

11.2 The Bishop, after consultation and agreement with the Chapter, may confer the title of Honorary Canon upon clergy or lay people who serve outside the Provinces of Canterbury and York in the Anglican Communion, or who are clergy, ministers or lay people of other Christian traditions.

11.3 Regard shall be paid at the time of nomination of any person to the contribution that has been made by that person to the work of the Anglican Communion, or to the ecumenical movement, or to any special relationship with the Diocese of London and the Cathedral Church.

11.4 Honorary Canons shall be nominated to their title for life or for a term of years to be determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Dean.

11.5 Honorary Canons who are nominated for a term of years shall be eligible for appointment for further terms.

11.6 Honorary Canons, who are nominated for a term of years and who are nominated by virtue of the office they hold, shall vacate the title on ceasing to hold the office by virtue of which they were first appointed.

11.7 Honorary Canons shall be admitted to their title by the Bishop and, having taken such oaths as shall be required by Statute or custom, shall be placed by the Dean in seats to be provided in the Quire of the Cathedral Church.

11.8 Honorary Canons shall not be Canons for the purpose of the Measure.

OFFICERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

11.1 The Registrar
The Chapter shall appoint an Administrator to be known as the Registrar, who shall be their senior administrative officer, and who shall assist the Chapter in their executive responsibilities for the management of the Cathedral and the development of its work.

11.2 The Surveyor to the Fabric
The Chapter, after consultation with the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England, shall appoint an Architect as defined under Section 35 of the Measure to be known as the Surveyor to the Fabric, who shall advise on all matters relating to the fabric of the Cathedral and its environs, and who in addition to the Architect’s statutory responsibilities shall perform such other duties as the Chapter may determine. The Surveyor to the Fabric shall oversee and direct the Clerk of Works in the exercise of his responsibilities of that office in relation to the fabric of the Cathedral and its environs.

11.3 Auditor
The Chapter shall appoint as Auditor a person who may, under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 current legislation, audit the accounts of a charity. The Auditor shall examine the accounts prepared by the Chapter and express an opinion as to whether they show a true and fair view of the transactions throughout the year and of the position at the end of the year, in accordance with the best professional practice and standards.

12.4 Organist

The Chapter shall appoint as Organist a suitably qualified person, who shall exercise specific responsibilities in full consultation with Chapter and with the College of Minor Canons for the offering of worship and the rendering of music in the Cathedral Church, and who shall advise Chapter and supervise (subject to the overall responsibilities of Chapter) all matters relating to the musical life of the Cathedral Church.

11.4 Director of Music

The Chapter shall appoint as Director of Music a suitably qualified person, who shall exercise as Chapter shall direct specific responsibilities for the offering of worship and the rendering of music in the Cathedral, and who shall advise Chapter and supervise (subject to the overall responsibilities of Chapter) all matters relating to the musical life of the Cathedral.

11.5 Head of the Cathedral School

The Chapter shall appoint as Headmaster or Headmistress of the Cathedral School a suitably qualified person, who shall be charged with the leadership and management of the School within the policy guidelines laid down by the Chapter.

11.6 Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation

The Chapter shall appoint as Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation a suitably qualified person, who shall be their legal adviser on all matters relating to the management of the Cathedral and the development of its work.

11.7 Provision for other Officers

The Chapter may from time to time appoint such other officers as they may deem necessary for the proper management of the Cathedral. Clear definitions of responsibility, together with terms and conditions of appointment, shall be given to all Lay Officers and employees of the Chapter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

12.1 The Chapter shall appoint a Finance Committee to advise the Chapter in connection with its responsibilities in the field of financial and investment management.

12.2 The members of the Finance Committee shall be the Dean, the Canon Treasurer, the Registrar and the Financial Controller, together with such other persons as are considered by the Chapter as having expertise and experience in the field of financial and investment management; and such other persons shall be appointed to serve as members for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for membership for such further term or terms as the Chapter deems appropriate.

12.3 The Chapter shall appoint the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
OTHER COMMITTEES

13.1 The Chapter may from time to time appoint such other committees as they may deem to be appropriate for the proper management of the Cathedral and the development of its work.

13.2 The Chapter may delegate to any committee such management responsibilities or other functions as they deem to be appropriate, subject always to the control of the Chapter.

13.3 The Chapter shall appoint to such Committees persons with expertise appropriate to the work of the Committees, who need not be members of Chapter.

CATHEDRAL ROLL

14.1 The Chapter shall appoint an officer who shall maintain annually, and every five years renew, a Cathedral Roll containing the names of persons who are members of the Cathedral Community and apply to be enrolled as such.

14.2 For the purposes of this Constitution and Statutes, the members of the Cathedral Community shall be persons over the age of sixteen years who -

(a) worship regularly in the Cathedral, or

(b) are engaged in work or service connected with the Cathedral in a regular capacity.

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.

GENERAL

15.1 No repeal or amendment of, nor additions to, the Constitution or the Statutes shall be made except in accordance with the provisions of the Measure.

15.2 Nothing in the Constitution or Statutes shall affect any right of patronage or other right or interest of Her Majesty the Crown.

INTERpretATION

16.1 In the Constitution and 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

“Archdeacons” means all Archdeacons in the Diocese of London

“Area Bishop” means every Suffragan Bishop with episcopal oversight of an area in the Diocese of London pursuant to a scheme made under the Dioceses Measure 1978

“Assistant Bishop” means every full-time stipendiary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of London

“Bishop” means the Bishop of London

“Bishop Suffragan” means any Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of London who does not have episcopal oversight of an area pursuant to a scheme made under the Dioceses Measure 1978

“Cathedral” means The Cathedral Church of St Paul in London
“Cathedral Duties” means duties (whether in the Cathedral or Diocese) which should in the opinion of the Chapter, after consultation with the Bishop, be discharged in or from the Cathedral.

“Measure” means the Cathedrals Measure 1999

“The Corporation” means the body corporate consisting of the members for the time being of the Council, the Chapter and the College of Canons.

Words importing the masculine shall include the feminine.

16.2 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 of London.
THE STATUTES

The Statutes supplement the legal requirements of the Constitution, and are easier to amend.

STATUTE I — THE VISION OF THE CATHEDRAL

1. The Chapter shall, after consultation with the Council, the College of Canons, members of the Cathedral Community and others, review, revise or replace its statement of the vision and mission of the Cathedral not less than once every five years, such revision or replacement having been received by the Council and the College of Canons.

2. The Chapter shall set out for annual review by the Council priorities and plans coming out of its vision statement, setting out its proposals for the general direction and mission of the Cathedral, giving particular attention to the spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, social and ecumenical work of the Cathedral and to the effectiveness of its governance.

STATUTE II — THE COUNCIL

1. A meeting of the Council may be called on the motion of the Chairman, or on the written request of at least eight members of the Council, with notice in writing of at least twenty one days specifying the business to be discussed.

2. The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Council shall be eight members.

3. In the absence of the Chairman, the members of the Council present shall appoint one of their number to act as Chairman of the meeting.

4. Those members of Council elected by the Cathedral Community shall represent the interests of paid staff, volunteers engaged in regular service for the Cathedral, and regular worshippers. As far as is practicable, all members of staff, regular volunteers and members of the Cathedral Roll shall be given at least thirty days’ notice of an election and invited to nominate qualified candidates, and election shall be by electronic or written ballot.

STATUTE III — WORSHIP

1. Worship and prayer are at the heart of the Cathedral and of the life of the Chapter. The Chapter shall participate fully in worship, and use their best endeavours to strengthen the corporate life, worship and work of the Cathedral.

2. The Chapter shall agree with the Council a code of practice setting out the customs of the Cathedral with regard to officiating at services, preaching and appointing preachers, the role of the Dean and the responsibilities and exercise of being in residence. The working of this code of practice is to be reviewed each year by the Council.

STATUTE IV — THE BISHOP AND DIOCESE

1. St Paul’s is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of London, and has particular responsibility as the Bishop’s seat to support the work of Bishop and Diocese.
2. *The Chapter shall agree with the Bishop a code of practice setting out the rights and customs of the Bishop with regard to officiating at Cathedral and Diocesan services, preaching and appointing preachers, and for the use of the Cathedral for the work of the Bishop in teaching and mission and for other diocesan occasions and purposes. The working of this code of practice is to be reviewed each year by the Council.*

**STATUTE V — THE CHAPTER**

1. In the absence of the Dean or of any person appointed to exercise the duties 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.

2. Meetings of Chapter shall not be quorate unless at least four members are present.

3. Decisions of meetings of Chapter shall be by a majority of those present, the Dean having if necessary a second or casting vote, subject to paragraph 5 below.

5. — The following steps shall not be taken without the consent of the Dean:
   
   (a) any alteration of the ordering of services in the Cathedral Church;
   
   (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 paragraphs (a) or (b) above, his consent shall be deemed to have been given for the purposes of paragraph (c) 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.

4. The Dean may at any time on his own initiative, and shall on the request of any five members of Chapter, convene a meeting of the Chapter at any time, and shall do so on the request of any five members of Chapter.

**STATUTE VI — THE COLLEGE OF CANONS**

1. The College of Canons shall meet on at least two occasions in the course of every year.

2. *The Dean shall preside at meetings of the College of Canons. In the absence of the Dean, the meeting shall be chaired by the Canon in Residence.*

3. Each Prebendary, when occupying his stall in the Cathedral Church, shall be duly habited. He shall preach in the Cathedral Church when invited by the Chapter to do so, and shall take such part in the services as the Dean or Canon in Residence may assign to him.

3. Each Prebendary or Lay Prebendary when occupying a stall in the Cathedral shall be duly habited, and when licensed to preach shall do so when invited by Chapter or the Bishop, and shall take such part in the services as the Dean or Canon in Residence may assign.

**STATUTE VII — THE COMPANY OF HONORARY CANONS**

1. There shall be a Company of not more than ten Honorary Canons.
2. The Bishop, after consultation and agreement with the Chapter, may confer the title of Honorary Canon upon clergy or lay people who serve outside the Provinces of Canterbury and York in the Anglican Communion, or who are clergy, ministers or lay people of other Christian traditions.

3. Regard shall be paid at the time of nomination of any person to the contribution that has been made by that person to the work of the Anglican Communion, or to the ecumenical movement, or to any special relationship with the Diocese of London and the Cathedral.

4. Honorary Canons shall be nominated to their title for life or for a term of years to be determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Dean.

5. Honorary Canons who are nominated for a term of years shall be eligible for appointment for further terms.

6. Honorary Canons, who are nominated for a term of years and who are nominated by virtue of the office they hold, shall vacate the title on ceasing to hold the office by virtue of which they were first appointed.

7. Honorary Canons shall be admitted to their title by the Bishop and, having taken such oaths as shall be required by statute or custom, shall be placed by the Dean in seats to be provided in the Quire of the Cathedral.

8. Honorary Canons shall not be Canons for the purpose of the Measure.

STATUTE I—THE BISHOP

1. The Bishop shall have the principal seat and dignity in the Cathedral Church.

2.1 The Bishop shall have the right to celebrate the Holy Communion whenever he so desires, and especially on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and on the Feast of Pentecost, having previously consulted the Chapter.

2.2 The Bishop shall have the right to preach on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and on the Feast of Pentecost; and, having previously consulted the Chapter, to preach or appoint a preacher at a service on eight additional Sundays in any year.

2.3 The Bishop shall have the right to hold Visitations, ordinations, confirmations and, after consulting the Chapter, special services; and on all such occasions, in full consultation with the Chapter, to determine the ordering of the Service and the objects of the collections made thereat, to preach or appoint the preacher, and to claim of the Chapter the reasonable assistance of the ministers, officers and servants of the Cathedral Church.

3.1 The Bishop may hold a Visitation of the Cathedral Church when he considers it desirable or necessary to do so or when requested by the Council or the Chapter, and shall hear and determine any question as to the construction of the Cathedral Constitution and Statutes.

3.2 All ministers, officers and servants of the Cathedral Church shall be bound to attend a Visitation if cited so to do, and to answer solemnly such questions as the Visitor may ask of them. The Visitor shall also hear their complaints, if any, deliver such admonitions as he may think fit and, in his discretion, exercise such other powers belonging to the Visitor.
3.3 In the course of a visitation the Bishop may give such directions to the Chapter, to the holder of any office in the Cathedral Church, 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.

3.4 It shall be the duty of any person or body on whom functions are conferred by or under the Measure to act in accordance with any determination or directions given by the Bishop.

5. The Chapter shall consult with the Bishop at least once a year in respect of the general direction and mission of the Cathedral, and the Bishop may at any time seek the advice of the Chapter on any matter.

6. The Bishop may at any time propose for consideration by the Council amendments to the Constitution and Statutes.

STATUTE VIII – THE DEAN

1. The Dean is, next after the Bishop, the principal dignitary of the Cathedral Church.

1. On appointment the Dean shall take the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop and, having taken such other oaths as are prescribed by law and by the customs of the said Cathedral, shall be installed according to the said customs.

3. At the time when the Dean is installed the Prebendaries, the Minor Canons, the Lay Officers of the Cathedral and the Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation shall stand before him and shall promise him obedience in the exercise of his lawful authority as Dean in accordance with the Measure.

4. 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 Church and, in particular, to:
   (a) ensure that Divine Service is duly performed in the Cathedral Church;
   (b) ensure that the Constitution and Statutes are faithfully observed;
   (c) maintain good order and proper reverence in the Cathedral Church;
   (d) secure the pastoral care of all members of the Cathedral Community;
   (e) and take all decisions, in co-operation with the Canon in Residence, necessary to deal with any emergency affecting the Cathedral Church, pending consideration of the matter by the Chapter.

5. The Dean shall have the right to celebrate the Holy Communion in accordance with the customs of the Chapter, and especially on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and on the Feast of Pentecost.

6. The Dean shall have the right to preach on Advent Sunday, Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, and on the Feast of Pentecost, and on other occasions in accordance with the customs of Chapter; and he shall also have the right to appoint the preacher at a service on eight additional Sundays in any year.

7. The Dean shall take counsel with members of Chapter in all matters concerning the good order of the Cathedral Church; but, in the event of any emergency arising, the decision of the Dean thereon, in co-operation with the Canon in Residence, shall be binding until the matter has been considered by the Chapter.

2. The Dean may be permitted with the approval of the Bishop to be absent from the Cathedral for an extended period of duty in the service of Church or State.

3. The Dean shall not hold any other preferment than that of Dean.
10. If the office of Dean is vacant or the Bishop considers that the Dean will be unable to
discharge any or all of his decanal 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 to the Dean in the Measure, Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral Church
shall be construed accordingly. If any question arises whether an appointment under this
paragraph is justified, that question shall be determined by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

STATUTE IX — THE CANONS

1. It shall be the primary responsibility of the Canons Residentiary, Non-Residentiary and Lay
to share fully in the corporate life of the Chapter in worship, in government, and in
leadership.

2. The Canons Residentiary, at the time of their installation or collation, shall have been not
less than six complete years in Holy Orders, and shall take the Oath of Canonical Obedience
to the Bishop.

3. The Canons Residentiary shall be installed according to the customs of the Cathedral and at
their installation shall take such oaths and make such declarations as are prescribed by law or
custom.

4. The Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral shall be appointed subject to the provisions of
Article 7.2 of the Constitution.

4. The Chapter shall assign to each Canon Residentiary such title and sphere of responsibilities
as may be deemed appropriate; and shall ensure that the ancient titles of Chancellor,
Precentor and Treasurer shall be retained and deployed, together with such other title or titles
as may be required at any time. Subject to the overall responsibility of the Dean, the
Precentor shall exercise on behalf of Chapter a general responsibility for the liturgical and
musical life of the Cathedral.

5. Each Canon Residentiary shall reside in the house of residence provided by Chapter
provided for him and shall be diligent in attendance at the Services in the Cathedral.

6. The Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral shall share in equal measure equitably
the responsibility for residence throughout the year.

7. At all times there shall be a Canon in Residence.

8. Subject to paragraph 7.4, The Canon in Residence shall, during his period of while
exercising the duties of residence, attend the services required by Chapter in the Cathedral
both on Sundays and weekdays, shall preach in the Cathedral at least once on each Sunday
and, in the absence of the Dean at any services, shall supervise the conduct of the services
and the discipline of the ministers, officers and servants who are in attendance during those
services maintain good order and proper reverence in the Cathedral.

9. If necessary business or sickness hinders the Canon in Residence from performing any of his
duties, the Dean may arrange for their performance. If the Dean does not so arrange, the
Canon in Residence shall either provide voluntary assistance from another Canon or from a
Prebendary; or, if such voluntary assistance is not available, the Chapter shall provide a
substitute or substitutes, who shall receive such payment as Chapter shall approve.

10. During a vacancy in a Canonry Residentiary, the duties of residence falling to be kept and
performed by him who had held the said Canonry shall be kept and performed by the Canons
Residentiary in such order and in such manner as may be determined from time to time by
the Chapter.
11. The Canons Residentiary may be permitted to be absent from the Cathedral for an extended period of duty in the service of Church or State, subject to the requirement that in the case of:

(a) the two Residentiary Canons engaged exclusively on Cathedral duties, any such absence shall be sanctioned in accordance with the proviso to section 8 (2) of the Measure;
(b) all other Residentiary Canons, any such absence shall be sanctioned by the Bishop and the Dean.

12. No Canon Residentiary shall hold any benefice or cure of souls, nor shall any Canon Residentiary hold any other ecclesiastical appointment save with the consent of the Bishop and the Dean.

13. There shall be assigned to any other Canon Non-Residentiary and to all Lay Canons such responsibilities as shall be deemed appropriate by the Chapter from time to time, and they shall take such part in the corporate life of the Cathedral as shall be agreed by Chapter and the Canons at the time of their appointment.

**STATUTE X — NON-RESIDENTIARY AND LAY CANONS**

1. The Bishop shall confer upon any person in Holy Orders who is appointed as an additional member of Chapter under Article 4.2(c) the title of Canon Non-Residentiary of the Cathedral, and shall formally admit that person to office, having required that person first to take such oaths as shall be prescribed by law or custom.

2. The Bishop shall confer upon the lay persons appointed to Chapter under Article 4.2(c) the title of Lay Canon, and shall formally admit them to office, having required them first to take such oaths as shall be prescribed by law or custom.

**STATUTE XI — PREBENDARIES AND LAY PREBENDARIES**

1. Prebendaries and Lay Prebendaries are members of the College of Canons and shall seek to contribute to the corporate life of the Cathedral and to promote its mission and service in the Diocese. Their appointment shall recognise both the service which the Prebendary or Lay Prebendary has given and the gifts which they bring to the Cathedral and wider Diocese.

2. The Chapter shall agree with the College of Canons a code of practice setting out the expectations of the Cathedral on Prebendaries and Lay Prebendaries and the commitment of the Cathedral to them. The working of this code of practice is to be reviewed regularly by the College of Canons.

**STATUTE XII — TITLES**

1. The Bishop may confer upon any Dean, Canon, or Prebendary or Lay Prebendary who vacating his office and immediately upon such vacation retiring the title, as the case may be, Dean Emeritus, Canon Emeritus, or Prebendary Emeritus or Lay Prebendary Emeritus.

2. The Bishop may in special circumstances with the agreement of the Dean confer upon any Dean, Canon or Prebendary who vacating his office and moving to some other stipendiary appointment the title, as the case may be, Dean Emeritus, Canon Emeritus or Prebendary Emeritus.
STATUTE XIII — THE COLLEGE OF MINOR CANONS AND PRIEST VICARS

1. The Warden and Minor Canons of St Paul’s Cathedral shall form the College under the said title. They shall be not more than five in number. The office of Warden shall be retained, as likewise the titles of Senior Cardinal and Junior Cardinal. The College shall, subject to the approval of the Chapter, continue to exercise all such rights and privileges (other than the right of holding property) as have in the past been enjoyed by the College and as are not contrary to the Constitution or Statutes or the Measure.

2. The Warden of the College shall be appointed by the Chapter after consultation with members of the College.

3. The Chapter shall assign to each Minor Canon such title as shall be appropriate to the office, and regard shall be paid especially to the titles of Chaplain, Sacrist and Succentor.

4. Each Minor Canon shall be appointed to office under a written agreement, not inconsistent with the Statutes, setting forth the terms of service in respect of tenure, stipend and other conditions.

5. The term of office of each Minor Canon shall be for a period of five years. A Minor Canon shall be eligible for reappointment, if the Chapter so desires, for any term of years not exceeding five, and such reappointment may from time to time be repeated.

6. A Minor Canon shall not take up the appointment until licensed by the Bishop and installed according to custom by the Warden at the request of the Dean.

1. The Chapter shall appoint at least two Clerks in Holy Orders as Minor Canons to share the work of the Cathedral with the consent of the Bishop. The terms of such appointment shall be under Common Tenure for stipendiary posts. The Chapter shall assign to each Minor Canon such title as shall be appropriate to the office, and regard shall be paid especially to the titles of Sacrist and Succentor. A Minor Canon shall not take up the appointment until licensed by the Bishop and installed according to custom by the Dean or Canon in Residence. The Minor Canons shall exercise such responsibilities in relation to Cathedral worship and work as are determined by Chapter.

2. The Chapter may appoint Clerks in Holy Orders or ministers who may be licensed by the Bishop to work in the Diocese as stipendiary or honorary Priest Vicars to share the work of the Cathedral with the consent of the Bishop. The terms of such appointment shall be under Common Tenure for stipendiary posts, or by a working agreement setting out the terms of service in respect of length of appointment, payments and other conditions for honorary appointments. The Chapter shall assign to each stipendiary Priest Vicar such title as shall be appropriate to the office, and regard shall be paid especially to the title of Chaplain. Stipendiary Priest Vicars shall not take up the appointment until licensed by the Bishop and installed according to custom by the Dean or Canon in Residence. Honorary Priest Vicars shall if required be licensed by the Bishop for their work on behalf of the Cathedral. Priest Vicars shall exercise such responsibilities in relation to Cathedral work and worship as are determined by Chapter.

STATUTE XIV — ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Clause 1 of this Statute sets out the Order of Precedence in the Cathedral Foundation. Clause 2 allows for variation of this in the order of procession into the Cathedral for the episcopate at
certain diocesan services. The order of procession may also vary at services with Royal attendance and on other specific occasions.

1. The Order of Precedence in the Cathedral shall be as follows -
   (a) the Bishop, who shall be immediately preceded, if present, by the Chancellor and the Registrar of the Diocese;
   (b) an Area Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan or an Assistant Bishop when representing the Bishop at a Diocesan Service;
   (c) the Dean;
   (d) the Canons Residiency in order of seniority by appointment, any Canon Non-Residentiary, and the Lay Canons, who shall be immediately preceded, if present, by the Registrar and the Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation;
   (e) any Area Bishop, or Bishop Suffragan, or Assistant Bishop, when not representing the Bishop;
   (f) the Archdeacons;
   (g) the Prebendaries in order of seniority by appointment;
   (h) the Lay Prebendaries in order of seniority by appointment;
   (i) the Honorary Canons;
   (j) the Minor Canons.

2. An exception to the established Order of Precedence shall be permitted only at Ordinations and the Renewal of Ordination Vows on Maundy Thursday when the Area Bishops and Bishops Suffragan shall immediately precede the Bishop.

3. Stalls shall be assigned in the Quire of the Cathedral for the Dean; the Canons Residentiary, Non-Residentiary and Lay; the Area Bishops; the Bishops Suffragan; the full-time stipendiary Assistant Bishops; the Archdeacons; the Prebendaries; the Lay Prebendaries; the Honorary Canons; the Minor Canons; the Chancellor of the Diocese; the Registrar of the Diocese; the Registrar of the Cathedral; the Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation; and the Head of the Cathedral School.

STATUTE IX — PREACHERS IN THE CATHEDRAL

1. The Bishop shall have the right to preach on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and on the Feast of Pentecost, having previously consulted the Chapter, and to preach or appoint a preacher at a service on eight additional Sundays in any year.

2. The Dean shall have the right to preach on Advent Sunday, Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day and the Feast of Pentecost; to preach on other occasions in accordance with the customs of Chapter; and to appoint the preacher on eight additional Sundays in any year.

3. The Canon in Residence shall preach at least once on each Sunday.

4. Provision shall be made by Chapter for preaching in the course of every year by the Area Bishops, by the Bishops Suffragan, by any full-time stipendiary Assistant Bishop, by the Archdeacons, and by the Prebendaries and licensed Prebendal Canons of the Cathedral.

5. Each of the Minor Canons shall preach on eight Sundays in any year.

6. The Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London shall be invited to preach once in each year.

7. The responsibility for inviting all preachers at services in the Cathedral Church shall reside in the Chapter.
8. No person other than a Clerk in Holy Orders of without a licence to preach in the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith shall, without the consent of the Bishop and the Chapter, be allowed to preach in the Cathedral Church.

9. The Chapter shall seek the consent of the Bishop prior to any invitation to a Bishop from another diocese to preach in the Cathedral Church.

STATUTE X — LAY OFFICERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

1. The Chapter shall observe at all times the requirements of the Constitution that appointments shall be made to the offices of the Registrar, the Surveyor to the Fabric, the Auditor, the Organist Director of Music, the Head of the Cathedral School, and the Solicitor to the Cathedral Foundation.

2. The Chapter shall appoint such other Lay Officers as are required from time to time in order that they can fulfil their responsibilities in the government and leadership of the Cathedral Church.

3. Clear definitions of responsibility, together with terms and conditions of appointment, shall be given to all Lay Officers and employees of the Chapter.

STATUTE XV — THE MUSICAL FOUNDATION

1. The Musical Foundation of the Cathedral shall consist of:
   (a) the Chapter;
   (b) the College of Minor Canons;
   (c) the Director of Music with the Organist Assistant Director of Music, and his Assistant Organists and Organ Scholars;
   (d) the Vicars Choral;
   (e) the Choristers.

2. The Precentor shall exercise on behalf of Chapter a general responsibility for the liturgical and musical life of the Cathedral Church, subject to the responsibilities of the Dean in Statute II.4(a) and Statute IV.5(a).

3. The College of Minor Canons shall exercise such responsibilities in relation to Cathedral services as are determined by Chapter.

4. The Organist Director of Music shall advise Chapter and supervise all matters relating to the musical life of the Cathedral; and shall make recommendations to Chapter concerning the appointment of the Vicars Choral; and shall be responsible to Chapter for the recruitment of the Choristers, the training of the Choir, and the dignified offering of the liturgy.

2. In addition to the Director of Music there shall be appointed from time to time an Assistant Director of Music, together with such other Assistant Organists and Organ Scholars as the work of the Cathedral shall require.

3. The Vicars Choral shall be appointed by Chapter on the advice of the Organist Director of Music, subject to the requirement that the terms and conditions of their appointment shall be approved by the Precentor.

4. The Choristers shall be selected by the Organist Director of Music and the Head of the Cathedral School, and the Chapter shall provide the required education at the School to enable the Choristers to play their full part in the liturgical and musical life of the Cathedral.
STATUTE XVI - THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

1. The Cathedral School shall provide education for the Cathedral Choristers and for such other pupils between the ages of four and thirteen years as can be properly accommodated from time to time within the school.

2. The Chapter shall establish a committee to govern the School which shall be called the Governing Body to which the Chapter shall devolve by an Instrument of Delegation all appropriate and necessary powers for the direct governance of the School.

3. The Dean and the four Residentiary Canons, or in exceptional circumstances the Dean and three Residentiary Canons and one other member of the Chapter, The Dean, the Precentor, and three other members of the Chapter appointed by the Chapter, shall be ex officio members of the Governing Body.

4. The Chapter reserves the power by virtue of the Constitution and the Statutes of the Cathedral after consultation with the Governing Body to amend, withdraw or replace this Instrument at its absolute discretion provided that any amendment, withdrawal or replacement is notified to the Governing Body in writing.

5. The appointment of the Head of the Cathedral School shall be made by Chapter in consultation with the full Governing Body.

STATUTE XVII — BY-LAWS

1. The Chapter may make By-Laws which are not contrary to the requirements of the Measure, the Constitution and Statutes.

NOTE ON THE REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

Part II Clauses 28-32 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999 sets out the procedure for revising the Constitution and the Statutes.

For the Constitution, the Council must prepare a draft instrument (document setting out the revised text). It then has to both publish in one or more publications circulating in the Diocese, and also display in a prominent position in or in the vicinity of the Cathedral, a notice of the preparation of the draft instrument setting out its aims, specifying where in the Diocese copies may be inspected, and stating that the Council will consider any written representations submitted before a specified date not less than four weeks after the publication or displaying of the notice. Council must also send a copy of the draft instrument to the Secretary-General of the General Synod. After the expiry of the consultation period, the Council, having duly considered any representations made to it, may amend the draft instrument as it thinks expedient. A copy of the draft instrument shall then be signed by the Chair of Council on its behalf, the common seal affixed, and a copy of the (now implemented) instrument has to be sent to the Secretary-General of the General Synod.

For the Statutes, the Council must prepare a draft instrument, and display in a prominent position in or in the vicinity of the Cathedral a notice of the draft instrument setting out its objects and
specifying where in the Diocese copies may be inspected and stating that the Council will consider any written representations submitted before a specified date not less than four weeks after the displaying of the notice. For the Statutes, there doesn’t have to be a published notice. After the expiry of the consultation period, the Council having duly considered any representations made to it may amend the draft instrument as it thinks expedient. A copy of the draft instrument is then signed by the Chair of Council on its behalf, the common seal affixed, and a copy of the instrument sent to the Secretary-General of the General Synod.