

Christ Church St Ives Annual General Meeting

Sunday 24 March 2024
2pm | 1 Cowan Rd St Ives

The Annual General Meeting is an important business meeting in the life of the church and all members are encouraged to participate.

What will happen on the day?

At the Annual General Meeting, church members in attendance will:

- Receive a report from the Senior Minister
- Elect 2 wardens
- Elect 3, 6 or 9 parish councillors
- Elect 5 nominators
- Receive a report from the wardens, statements of the 2023 finances, and be asked to endorse the proposed 2024 budget
- Make recommendations to the wardens or parish council.

What can I do in preparation?

- Pray for the elections and decisions to be made at the meeting
- Consider people to nominate for the elections and if they understand what is involved and are willing to stand, complete a nomination form
- Review the Ministry & Wardens' report, the Treasurer's report, the Statement of 2023 finances and proposed 2024 budget available online or from the church office in the weeks prior to the meeting.
- Ask any questions you have about the reports prior to the meeting, or come to the meeting prepared to raise your questions and/or make recommendations.

What is a Warden?

A warden is one of three people who are responsible for executing the financial and property matters of the church. Two wardens are elected and the Senior Minister appoints one. The wardens usually meet once a month on a Monday at a mutually agreed time and perform functions on a weekly basis such as approving payments and overseeing other financial and property related activities. The Business Manager (Anna Richardson) assists the wardens in performing some of their duties.

The Wardens' responsibilities are defined by the Parish Administration Ordinance. This includes ensuring the proper management, security and financial administration of all money and other property of the church and ensuring the church building and its contents and grounds are maintained.

What are the qualifications of a Warden?

- A parishioner of the church who is 18 years or over, who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia and not employed or paid from the funds of the parish
- Not the spouse of a minister (clergy or lay) licensed to the parish or the spouse of another person who is also a warden
- Not a person who has been convicted of a disqualifying offence listed in Schedule 2 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

What is Parish Council?

The Parish Council consists of the Senior Minister, the three wardens, 3, 6 or 9 elected council members and correspondingly 1, 2 or 3 members appointed by the Senior Minister.

The Parish Administration Ordinance summarises the parish council's powers as determining matters of policy, approving budgets and authorizing payments. These powers are exercised through functions such as determining the remuneration of staff; conferring with the Senior Minister in the initiation, conduct and development of church work including such matters as are vital to the spiritual welfare of the church; making recommendations to the minister on ministry within the parish; and making donations for missionary, charitable or patriotic purposes.

The Parish Council usually meets once each month on a Monday evening, with an additional annual half day meeting on a Saturday. It is a Christ Church policy that all Parish Councillors should also complete Safe Ministry Training.

What are the qualifications of a Parish Councillor?

- A parishioner of the church who is at least 18 years of age and who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- Not a person who has been convicted of a disqualifying offence listed in Schedule 2 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

What are Parish Nominators?

A parish nominator is one of five lay-persons elected by the parish to form part of the nomination board. The nomination board's function is to appoint a new Senior Minister for the parish if a vacancy occurs.

What are the qualifications of a Parish Nominator?

- A parishioner of the church who is at least 21 years of age and who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- Not the spouse of another person who is also a nominator
- Not a person employed in the parish to perform substantially full-time work which includes pastoral work
- Not a person who has been convicted of a disqualifying offence listed in Schedule 2 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

What are Synod Representatives?

Synod representatives along with the senior minister represent Christ Church at the annual synod. The Synod is like a parliament for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Two synod representatives are elected for a period of three years. Synod representatives were last elected at the 2023 general meeting, so there will be no election for these roles this year.

How can I find out more about the roles and responsibilities?

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of wardens and parish councillors see Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

Wardens and Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2024-25

	Wardens 6-7.20pm	Parish Council 7.30-9.30pm
April	15	15
May	13	13
Saturday 1 June – ½ day (morning) workshop with ministry team		
Jun	17	17
Jul	15	15
Aug	12	12
Sep	9	9
Oct	14	14
Nov	11 & 25	11
Dec	10 (Tuesday)	10 (Tuesday)
Jan	Tba	No meeting
Feb	Tba	Tba
Mar	Tba	Tba

People nominated for a position must be able to attend most meetings involving that position. For parish councillors and wardens this may include serving on a committee and/or performing functions outside of listed meeting times.

Current Position Holders

<p>Wardens</p> <p>Ross Bowden James Clifton William Hood</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>Wardens plus: Sarah Abraham Susan Beattie Euan Campbell Peter Chitty Roz Hinchliffe Michael Hung Lachlan Mitchell Rani Warren-Gash</p>	<p>Synod Representatives 2023-2025</p> <p>Anna Richardson Mark Streeter</p> <p>Parish Representatives (Nominators)</p> <p>Lee Carter Janet Curren Peter Mayrick Robert Tong Charlie Wye</p>
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