

Lisburn Cathedral

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To be Church as God intended

The Select Vestry

What is the Select Vestry?

A group of Parishioners chosen by the congregation each year.

When is the Select Vestry chosen?

At an annual meeting of the congregation known as the Easter Vestry.

Membership of the Select Vestry

Anyone who has signed the Cathedral Register can be proposed for membership of the Select Vestry and can vote at the Annual Easter Vestry.

Why is there a Select Vestry?

Within the Cathedral, the Select Vestry has the responsibility to run the Cathedral including management of the business affairs (property and finance) so that it might be Church as God intended.

Current members of Select Vestry

Staff: Sam Wright, Ken McGrath, Keith Neill

Wardens: Graham Clarke, John Humes, Paul Duggan, Jim Price

Others: Jill Lester, John Quigley, Tom Stevenson, David Allister, Arthur Canning, Bill Welsh, Keith Gardiner, Alan Johnston, Trevor Jordan, David Williamson, Dessie Cairns, Dennis Fullerton

Can you contact the Select Vestry?

Members of the Select Vestry would welcome constructive comments from members of the Congregation.

Vestry Voice

What is Vestry Voice?

This is a new newsletter which seeks to improve communication concerning the work that the Select Vestry does on behalf of the Congregation. The Select Vestry will produce several of these Newsletters during the Year to provide accurate, relevant and up to date information.

Why is Vestry Voice needed?

The Select Vestry feels that this information would help everyone to understand and give their prayerful and practical support to the actions that the Vestry has taken on behalf of the congregation.

Vestry Decision Making

In its decision making, The Select Vestry seeks to implement The Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015 Document (www.lisburncathedral.org/vision) which it adopted unanimously in 2007.

The Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015

Rather than follow a 'piecemeal' approach, this document outlines a long term view of how the Cathedral might become *Church as God Intended* with the aim of ensuring that appropriate and coordinated actions are taken now.

What decisions does the Select Vestry have to take?

In addition to the essential regular activities necessary for the running of The Cathedral, The Select Vestry is responsible for implementing the Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015. The first phases of the renovation and refurbishment work addressed the Cathedral heating, external lighting, Chapter Room, Choir Vestry, toilets and the Hall kitchens. This work was essential and has been beneficial for maintaining and developing the witness and ministry in the Cathedral.

What needs to happen next?

The Select Vestry is prayerfully considering plans to implement the next phase of The Cathedral Vision 2007-2015. These plans will address essential work including Cathedral wiring and lighting, internal decoration, repairs to the organ, the Tower and the Spire.

How is this going to happen?

As we all know 'building work' well done, does not come cheaply. Currently the present income is struggling to meet the day to day expenditure of the Cathedral let alone finance the essential works above.

What can you do?

Please pray about this situation and consider what part you can play in putting this Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015 into practice so that we might become *Church as God Intended*.