

Vestry Code of Conduct

Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with the Code of Conduct and Meeting Guidelines below. Everyone in the parish is encouraged to participate, and everyone who meets the Canonical requirements is eligible to vote.

Eligibility to Vote at Vestry Meetings:

- * You must have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of St. Olave's congregation for at least three months
- * You must have attended regularly scheduled services of worship (including online services) at St. Olave's at least three times in the past year
- * You must be of the full age of sixteen years
- * You cannot have voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three months, nor intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year
- * Employees of the parish are encouraged to abstain from the vote on the 2025 budget
- * The Rector will only vote in the case of a tie

St. Olave's Code of Conduct for Vestry Meetings:

- * All members of vestry are all entitled to debate and vote according to our conscience
- * We will always respect others viewpoints and show kindness when speaking
- * We will not interrupt each other, but allow others to make their point fully
- * We will always remember that everything we decide together is for the greater glory of God and to fulfill our mission to proclaim Christ Crucified to our community and the world

How to Participate in the Meeting:

- * The Chair of the meeting is the Rector, the Reverend Canon Rob Mitchell
- * If you have a question or want to speak to a motion, please raise your hand
- * The Chair will invite you to speak when it is your turn
- * Please do not interrupt another speaker or speak before being invited to do so