

Dimensions of Vestry Service

in St. Peter's Church, Cambridge

What is the role of a Vestry member?

- Spiritual elder in the life of the parish
- Intercessor for the needs of the parish
- Active participant in the life of the parish
- Listener to the needs, opinions and concerns of the parish
- Leader in the counsels of the parish
- Contributor of special expertise in particular areas of parish life

What are the responsibilities of a Vestry member?

- Bring concerns arising out of the life of the parish
- Participate actively in Vestry discussions
- Offer leadership in one particular area of parish life
- Bring to the Vestry concerns arising from the wider community
- Stay in touch with the life of the diocese and wider Episcopal Church

What are the duties of a Vestry member?

- Attend Vestry meetings consistently
- Be available to lead Bible study at Vestry meetings
- Count Sunday collections as part of a regular rotation
- Serve on Vestry task forces as needed
- Attend Vestry retreats
- Attend parish leadership conferences

Areas for ongoing reflection by a Vestry member:

- What is the health of the parish's life in all its dimensions?
- How faithful is the parish in fulfilling its mission to:
 - Worship God with gratitude and joy,*
 - Nurture Christians in discipleship,*
 - Minister as a welcoming community, and*
 - Reach out in mission to Cambridge and the wider world.*
- How effective is the Rector and staff in furthering the parish's mission?
- How effective is the Vestry in furthering the parish's mission?