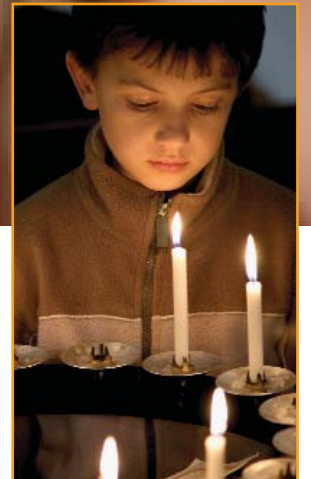


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What is a Parish?

A Parish is a congregation of believers who come together to worship in a particular church according to the teachings of the Gospel of Christ and the liturgical tradition of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church. It is a community of people who share and uphold common Christian values that enrich their personal and collective lives - values such as Faith, Hope and Love. While the understanding or expectations of each individual from the church or the Parish may be different, what the Parish strives for is to come together and build a nurturing community based on the teachings of Christianity and in the context of the rich Armenian cultural heritage. Becoming a member of a parish does not mean you cannot attend other churches. The mission of the church is realised through Christ-centred worship, education, witness and service as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people.

Why become a Parish Member?

Because you consider the Armenian Church to be significant in your or your family's life and you want to participate in her mission. As a registered and committed member, you will have the privilege of participating in the decision-making process by attending and voting at the Annual Parish Assembly. You will become an integral partner and steward in the life of the Parish and will be entitled to be eligible to be an officer of the Parish and serve the congregation in various capacities as you so desire. Contrary to some misconceptions, becoming a parishioner of one local church does not mean you cannot attend or worship in another Armenian church.

For more information about becoming a member of your local parish, please contact the Pastor or the Parish Council of the Armenian Churches in London, Manchester or Dublin; or the Primate's Office, Tel. 020 8127 8364; email: primatesoffice@armenianchurch.co.uk

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