

Summary of Chapter minutes August 2020 by Zoom

- The July and August management accounts were reviewed. It was good to see some plate and cash donations resuming with the building open for prayer and for Sunday services.
- It was agreed to continue with the staff furlough system as before.
- There had been an accident in the bell tower while John Vesey and David Moore were carrying out routine maintenance. John and David are very experienced individuals and the Chancellor and Precentor were satisfied that they were operating according to the standing procedures for maintenance in the bell tower. John had fallen, and it is suspected that he became tangled in a rope. He broke his arm in more than one place. There was a superficial head bleed which had not caused any further concern. The Emergency Services were called and an evacuation was effected over the north aisle to the east end of the Cathedral, using a long hydraulic arm. His injuries had required two operations. John was in good spirits and making a good recovery. He was in our prayers and Chapter agreed to send John and his wife a card and flowers. The Chancellor is preparing a RIDDOR report to the Health and Safety Executive. Our insurers had been informed.
- The Cathedral School had asked whether the Parish Hall could be used for teaching, given a shortage of classroom space because of the pandemic.
- The Ecclesiastical Insurance Risk Assessment dated April 2019 had been reviewed, and it had been found that there were some actions required of the Cathedral which had not been actioned.
- A fire risk assessment report from Chubb had also been reviewed. In particular, no record of an alarm test could be found since 2016. Maintenance records could not be found. Chubb had recommended more smoke alarm points and a louder sounder.
- A lightning conductor repair and test was required at a cost of £1,700+VAT. The Friends had already set aside funding for these repairs.
- LA Alarms would complete the installation of the new security alarm on 14 September, at which point the Chubb contract would end.
- One of the Churchwardens, David Cassidy, had resigned. It was agreed that a new appointment would aim to be made at the Vestry Meeting in October.