

Summary of Chapter Minutes

January 2020

- The Year of Pilgrimage service had gone well.
- Christmas services were less well attended than previous years and collections were down.
- The planned new posts of Chapter Steward and Development Director were discussed and preparatory paperwork was approved.
- There was a deficit of £64,000 in 2019, half of which was reduced giving, and half consisted of one-off costs, including extra clergy and the new guidebook. The operational budget for 2020 showed a deficit of c£42,000, assuming giving remained constant.
- The December choir concert was very successful. The chorister open day was well attended and enjoyed.
- A project to place interpretive signs around the Cathedral was approved; these will enhance visitor experience. The designer will be Mark Edwards. Grant funding will be sought.
- The Friends have agreed to fund the replacement of light bulbs with LEDs, which will reduce electricity bills.
- A resolution was passed to apply for a Faculty to replace the chairs in the nave and side aisles as part of the 900th celebrations.
- The Safeguarding Handbook had been revised in line with Church in Wales guidance and Kate Bates was thanked for her work on this.
- A clerical canon would be appointed by the Bishop to replace Canon Holcombe after his retirement.
- Chapter expressed sadness at the death of Michael Turk and a letter would go to his daughter with thanks for his contributions to the life of the Cathedral.