

Summary of Chapter minutes

June 2020

- GE gave a perspective from the Bishop on reopening. It would be a few weeks before the Cathedral could be open at all, September before any services and Christmas if not Easter before normality could be anticipated. There could be no choir or congregational singing without a vaccine. Weddings could only take place on a very small scale.
- Chapter needed to consider what its staff requirements would be, in terms of hours of work and skills required.
- The Precentor presented paper on staff requirements as the Cathedral opens. In Phase 1, the Cathedral would be open for limited hours staffed by the Canons with volunteer support. The organ might be played. Volunteers would be sought to supervise those, including social distancing, following a thorough risk assessment. Regular cleaning would be required. No other paid staff would be needed.
- Given that the choirs have not sung, that there is little recorded music and that the online presence needs to be sustained, the Director of Music would need to start work, initially online, during July.
- The monthly accounts were reviewed.
- The new National Giving Scheme ('Donate') system was up and running and there had been some good receipts so far.
- The newly formed Fabric Committee had met for the first time with the Architect Izaak Hudson. Matters reported to Chapter included: the Lychgate: A quote had been received for repairs. A faculty would be required and the gate could be put into safe storage for now.
- The new security alarm system can be installed pending final approval from the DAC.
- The Architect had constructed an innovative temporary solution to the South Aisle roof leak which would be kept under review.
- A further regimental plaque had now been requested.
- The Architect had provided a new quote for the mounting of the Marshall Panel of £17,000+VAT. The Committee recommended that this work should proceed as soon as practicable. The Friends will be asked to support this work.
- The lead on the porch roof of Prebendal House had been stolen. A quotation had been received and faculty permission was needed to replace it with an alternative to lead.
- An asbestos survey for the Cathedral is urgently needed.