

## Summary of Chapter minutes March 2020 – by conference call

- The Dean had circulated an email setting out the implications of Coronavirus, particularly the Government's advice on social distancing, the closure of churches and support for organisations. Chapter wanted to ensure that at this very difficult time for everyone that clergy were available by telephone for any member of the congregation, so that support could be provided immediately for any need. There had been good feedback on access and support, and with the resources now on the website.
- The cash available to Dean and Chapter at 31 March was £255,072, of which £101,746 was designated.  
A monthly budget was being produced and sufficient free cash is available to cover our costs in April. The balance on designated funds may at some point need to be undesignated. Mr Bacon was now reviewing the bank statements regularly as an additional precaution and this would be reported to Finance Committee.
- All the Engagement, Mission and Education projects have been put on hold during lockdown.
- A list of 30 volunteers has been compiled to support vulnerable members of the community with practical help.
- A 'Thought for the Day' will be posted online daily based on a lectionary reading, to provide spiritual support.
  
- Before lockdown plans had been developing for boys' and girls' choirs to sing together on occasion. All services, music events and concerts have now been cancelled. The older boys are unlikely to return to singing. Plans for a CD recording have been put on hold.
- In May 2021, the Cathedral choir has been invited to sing in St Paul's Cathedral for the Annual Festival of the Clergy Support Trust.