

Summary of Chapter minutes December 2023

- Chapter was chaired by the Vice Chair during the Dean's sick leave.
- Chapter received reports from staff on the Music Department, on plans for the shop, and on marketing.
- Following VAT registration, the shop will be managed by staff while Mary Madsen will retire after her many years of management and with our thanks for her commitment and service. The shop will be refurbished in January and stock refreshed.
- The Winter Fayre made a £1600 profit. Coffee concerts continue well.
- The organ is suffering from the damp in the Cathedral with no proper heating. We will be hosting the Old Choristers Association annual meeting in September 2024.
- A report was received from the Canon Chancellor. 30 children are preparing to be confirmed; the community tree planting day went very well; following Ged Bates move away, the Sunday School will be led by a team of teachers; a successful 6th form conference was held for local schools on social media; the experimental 11am Sunday School session is not proving popular.
- The Friends of the Cathedral have been invited to a Christmas reception with Chapter at the Vice Chair's home.
- Katharine Macdonald's appointment as Safeguarding Officer was approved.
- A Music Development sub committee will be set up and will include a new Canon with music and/or business experience. A recruitment process will be launched for a Music and Business Lay Canon.
- The incense policy was approved; this is designed to mitigate the effects of incense on air quality in the Cathedral.
- Heating update: removal of asbestos underground is required before leaking pipes can be repaired.
- The faculty for a new organ in the Lady Chapel has been granted.