

Summary of Chapter minutes May 2020 – by conference call

- The Dean had been signed off sick; Chapter recorded concern and prayers. The Vice Chair chaired the meeting in accordance with the constitution. The Bishop has authorised the Canons Precentor and Chancellor to act jointly in place of the Dean.
- Alex Glanville has provided a report on the Cathedral properties. It was discovered that the RB had covered the cost of repairs to 2 St Mary's in the form of a loan, repayable over 15 years. The exact amount and terms are not yet clear.
- The Canon Treasurer is to contact the RB re accounts held for the Cathedral.
- Giving by Gift Direct has maintained its level although plate and visitor giving had stopped.
- Furlough was continued for all staff. The costs were discussed and it was noted that staff costs would rise at the end of the scheme before usual income streams would be restored.
- The proposed design for mounting the Bishop Marshall panel was discussed.
- A request has been received for a new plaque in the Welsh Regiment Chapel to commemorate Col D.E. Cox.
- The design for the Welcome sign (part of the interpretive sign project) was approved.
- The leak in the South aisle roof is to be investigated.
- A quotation for a new security alarm system compared very favourably with existing costs. The architect will prepare the faculty application.
- The project to replace the chairs will be placed on hold for now but a detailed quotation will be requested.
- In the absence of the Dean, an acting chair for the Friends would be needed. Chapter recorded its gratitude for the support of the Friends and resolved that future applications to the Friends would be accompanied by as much detailed information and costing as possible.
- The meeting with the Cathedral School confirmed a strong and equal commitment to work together on both sides and to preserve the Choral traditions of the Cathedral.
- There had been a limited response to the adverts for the two new posts and the recruitment process had been put on hold during lockdown.

- Online worship continued and the Cathedral service bell was being tolled as part of the weekly 'Clap for Carers'.
- A flier was to be distributed by a team of volunteers to all households in the parish of Llandaff with a message of encouragement and offers of support.