

Summary of Chapter minutes November 2020

- A scheme for Advent and Christmas services had been agreed and booking was available online for two Advent Sunday services; other services would follow. All the main services will be prebooked, in line with government requirements on numbers.
- Choir rehearsals were just beginning to be held within the limits of a rigorous risk assessment.
- A meeting of stewards and churchwardens had considered how tickets could be checked to avoid overcrowding.
- In addition to the installation of video cameras and microphones, it was agreed to add large screens on trolleys for the side aisles to give a better experience to those without sight of the altar or choir area. Funding for the whole AV project is covered via grants from the Diocese, from the Friends, and from All Churches Trust. It was hoped that the system would be operative in time for some Christmas services to be live streamed.
- Conversations with the Cathedral School over development of the choirs have continued with encouraging signs.
- A donor had offered to fund a new organ for the Lady Chapel to replace the small one there which is no longer fit for purpose. A suitable second-hand instrument will be looked for; a faculty will be needed.
- The sewage disposal pumps at the back of Prebendal House were being checked out and maintenance and replacement work carried out.
- Finances were now being run on a voluntary basis by Archdeacon Peggy (day to day transactions) and Treasurer Richard Bacon (accounting) and bank authorisations were being updated. This is a temporary arrangement pending outsourcing for increased transparency and financial control.
- A group from the local Peregrine Monitoring Team and Cardiff and Bristol Universities are keen to place a nest box and a nestcam on the Pritchard Tower where a pair of peregrines are living. Funding will be provided from the University and a faculty will be needed. The Cathedral will be the only building in South Wales where such a project is taking place. Staff and doctoral students from the universities will be carrying out research on site.