

Chapter Minutes summary April 2022

- Music Foundation proposal: A paper was presented by the Precentor and Chapter agreed that the possibility should be explored further. Cost, governance and employment issues needed to be considered, particularly the position of the Friends as principal grant funder of music.
- City of Sanctuary: Chapter decided that the LCCC should be consulted about City of Sanctuary status.
- The estimated costs of the volunteers' thank you tea was approved, plus the cost of the bike stands and window frame repairs at the Parish Hall.
- Giving in the first two months of the year had been lower than expected, and a deficit of £42,000 was forecast for the year. MK shared that the average giving per giver was in the middle of the range for givers in the Diocese. The Stewardship Campaign was to be reviewed, plate giving restarted potentially using a cardless device. Chapter agreed to consider this again at its next meeting.
- The Young Cathedral Council had raised £250 for the Lent Appeal and there had been a Bell Tower visit, acting on the suggestion of the Council.
- The Chancellor is looking to start a youth club from September, working with the Diocesan Engagement Team. This would require volunteer support.
- Substantial progress was being made with the new Garden of Remembrance, with the Flower Guild agreeing to fund some of the planting. The Friends would be approached for funding for tree work and hard standing by the North Door.
- Music Department: there was some stress relating to recruitment of choristers as the quality of those auditioned recently was variable. It was expected that the girl choristers would be short by six next year. Only three of seven recently auditioned are to be offered scholarships.
- Chapter decided that it would request that the Bishop offer Canon Weatherall an extension of 3 years to her term which otherwise ends on 9th May 2022.

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