

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL REVEALED

11 September 2016

First of all, welcome to Harry Russell, our new Project Assistant, who is working with us from Sept 12th, initially to the end of the year. Harry graduated in History this summer from the University of Leicester.

Elsewhere in the notice-sheet you will read about your invitation to a Congregational Meeting after the service on Sunday 25th September, at 12 noon in the Dean's Parlour. This is an opportunity for the Dean and myself to bring members of the congregation up to speed on developments over the summer, and share some images, not currently publicly available, of what we are planning to create in and around the cathedral as part of *Leicester Cathedral Revealed*. On 6th September Chapter confirmed a full project budget of £11.4m, along with a funding strategy to raise the full amount, and we can also explain just what that money will be buying, as well as where we expect to raise it from.

I recently spent a fascinating hour or so at a photographic studio, taking some very high-resolution images of three of the many historic documents that have sat for years in our plan chest, and which now reside in the Records Office in South Wigston. They are a pew allocation plan from the mid-19th century; a sketch of two alternative plans for Raphael Brandon's new spire which went up in 1860s, and some interesting ideas from 1865 for proposed changes to St Dunstan's Chapel – some of which most certainly didn't happen. We aim to get some large-scale prints of these made for us all to enjoy, whilst retaining the delicate originals in safe-keeping.



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View up to Brandon's 1860s tower,
from within part of the proposed new
development