

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL REVEALED

25 September 2016

Earlier this week we released the Statement below to the media, and today (25th September) at 12 noon in the Dean's Parlour will be your chance to learn more about what is planned from Dean David and myself.

Leicester Cathedral signals first steps towards £11.3m project

Leicester Cathedral has submitted an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in support of its ambitious project *Leicester Cathedral Revealed*. This project will put the cathedral building back into good order, celebrate its Victorian and Arts & Crafts heritage and create new exhibition, learning and engagement spaces.

Dean of Leicester, David Monteith said: 'This is a project that will reorder the cathedral into a comfortable and inspirational place of worship and mission. It will also restore and celebrate the heritage of the cathedral site which dates back to the Roman times, although the current building is largely the product of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These were times of great change, helping to shape the city into the socially-conscious, diverse and multi-cultural place it is today. We want to celebrate all of that and to open up the cathedral's rich history to even more visitors and pilgrims, from within Leicestershire and from further afield.'

The Cathedral has assembled an impressive team to deliver the project. The architects are Van Heyningen and Haward, and the project director is Revd Pete Hobson, both repeating their roles on the reinterment of King Richard III. The fundraising board is chaired by Gordon Arthur, former High Sheriff of Leicestershire.

The Cathedral will hear at the end of November whether it has been successful with the Heritage Lottery Fund application and can proceed with developing and finalising its exciting plans.

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