

## **Project Update 7 4 June 2014**

### **Update on main building work**

Following the disappointing news that the tenders came back dramatically over budget there has been a great deal of work going on behind the scenes to try and work out a way forward. We knew that the absolute minimum parts of the project that have to be undertaken are; the disabled lift from Quire to South porch to Crypt, the repair of the library roof and putting the Textus Roffensis on display (whether in the library or elsewhere).

It is with great relief that we can report that all our current funding is still secure and that HLF have granted us an additional £286.7k and whilst we still cannot do all the work originally expected we can do the vast majority of the internal works as well as the repair to the library roof. We have just received permission from HLF to appoint the Buxton group as the main contractor for the following work:

- Repair to the library roof
- New library interior
- New strong room
- Disabled lift from Quire to Crypt
- Crypt renovation (apart from interior of Ithamar)
- Creation of permanent exhibition space in the older part of the Crypt
- Re-modelling of the vestries to create multi-purpose music, education and vestry space.
- New server in the Crypt

Unfortunately we do not currently have the funding to do the disabled access to the cloister or to do the internal works to the Ithamar chapel but we are actively seeking other funding to plug those gaps.

Building work is now expected to start on site in late July in order to avoid the busy period of university graduations and school leavers services. There will be plenty of preparation work going on behind the scenes throughout July.

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