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Dear Friends

I am pleased to be able to keep you up to date with the happenings at Sacrista Prebend. How this year has flown by and as I write we are enjoying the lovely autumn sunshine of late September. The good weather has arrived at an ideal time for us, as we currently have a team of painters working on the exterior of the House. This work was very much in need of doing and, although the work is not yet finished, the House looks already fresh and inviting.

Other external work is soon to take place as we now have the 'Go Ahead' to put in place a Mobility Access Path, fondly referred to as the 'Yellow Brick Road!' This should make it much easier for those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters to negotiate their way to the House from where they have parked at the front of the House.

Our volunteer gardeners, Bob and Colin, have also been busy, and have tidied the area between the rear Car Park and the lawned area in front of the Convent.

We have introduced a 'Drop In Day', for the first Wednesday of each month. This enables anyone who wishes to visit the Retreat House to do so without booking in advance. Anyone doing so can enjoy the hospitality we offer, and also join those people who have come to the mid-day Eucharist and Fellowship Lunch. No charge is made but donations are welcomed.

We now have our programme of Quiet Days for 2012 sorted and in print. As Warden/Chaplain I have decided to share leadership of the Quiet Day planned for Tuesday 24th April 2012, with Marcel Leaver. We have given the theme title as

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'One Step Backward, Two Steps Forward'. I am convinced that taking time out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and to have peace and quietness for a day or perhaps even longer, can help us both in matters spiritual and temporal to come to right decisions.

I would also take this opportunity to give thanks to our House Manager, Andy Gregory, and to our team of regular volunteers for their on-going commitment to ensuring that the House is run efficiently as well as kept welcoming and friendly.

On behalf of myself and the team here at Sacrista we send our best wishes and prayers to all of you.

Sincerely

Clive
Warden/Chaplain