

Risk Assessment Resumption of Full Choir – July 2021

The Choir of Saint George the Martyr, New Mills	Assessor's names: Tim Hawkins Leon Shufflebotham Father Owain Mitchell	Date completed: 19th July 2021	Review date: 30 December 2021
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Area or People at Risk	Risks Identified	Actions Red - To do Orange – begun – to complete Green - Complete	Completed (name/date) & Review (name/date)
Choristers and Director of Music – think about who could be at risk and likelihood of exposure.	Those who are either extremely vulnerable or over 70. Choristers could be exposed if a person carrying the virus has entered the premises or falls ill. Mental stress from handling the new situation	Poster at West End encouraging the vulnerable/at risk to avoid attending; Choir Director to make this clear to Choristers Choristers advised to follow all public health guidance – frequent sanitation/washing of hand; face coverings; avoid touching things others may touch; social distancing (2 m/6 1/2 ft), etc. Choir Director has made it clear in all communication that this is an invitation. “There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to return to the choir stalls if they don’t feel comfortable doing so for any reason. Owain, Leon and I want to be really clear about that.”	19 th JULY 2021 TH/LS/OM 19 JULY 2021 19 th JULY 2021 TH/LS
Choristers and Director of Music – Identify what work activity or situations might cause transmission of the virus and likelihood staff could be expose	Cleaning Chancel before, during and after rehearsal Disposing of rubbish containing tissues & cleaning cloths Cleaning surfaces infected by people carrying the virus As yet uncertain risks of infection through singing Ventilation	Hard surfaces, door handles, switches, etc. to be cleaned upon arrival and during rehearsal. No need to clean after rehearsal as more than 72 hours before next use. Hard surfaces need cleaning after service, as less than 72 hours before next use. Rubbish bin to be emptied after each rehearsal or service. Should anyone fall ill during rehearsal, Choir Director or his deputy to inform Vicar and Warden immediately. Disposable gloves/face coverings and cleaning materials are available at West end. Deep clean whole church. Church to be closed for 72 hours All current guidance to be strictly adhered to (good hygiene practices; social distancing; face coverings; not touching what others may touch) Choir Vestry window will be open for duration of rehearsals and services.	19 th JULY 2021 TH/LS/OM LS /TH Ongoing Ongoing
Seating	Risks of moving seats Socials distancing	Extra 6 seats to be added to the Sanctuary Area (East end) to enable 2m distancing and full choir.	19 July 2021

	<p>Kneelers/soft furnishings</p> <p>Choir Vestry</p>	<p>Rehearsals: When choristers arrive – robe and then go to your place in the choir pews or sanctuary immediately.</p> <p>Choristers to be asked to sit in the same seat each time</p> <p>Choristers to maintain social distancing at all times.</p> <p>Consider removing; if impractical, ensure everyone sticks to their own; allow 48 hours before use.</p> <p>Choir members will be asked to move to the outside of church once they are robed to reduce large gathering in the choir vestry – the vestry prayer will take place outside.</p>	
Numbers	<p>Social distancing must be maintained</p> <p>Test and Trace</p>	<p>Full choir now able to attend.</p> <p>Test and Trace record to be requested for each service/rehearsal. Must be stored securely and destroyed after 21 days.</p> <p>Test and Trace QR code displayed in Choir Vestry.</p> <p>Attendance Register is kept for each practice and service.</p>	<p>19 JULY 2021 TH/LS</p> <p>LS. Choir Register</p>
<p>Length of service</p> <p>Length of rehearsal</p>	<p>Extended time in close proximity to others</p> <p>Uncertain risk of spreading particles through singing, Etc.</p>	<p>We will progressively add more choral elements to the services as the weeks progress until we feel safe to have a full choral eucharist.</p>	<p>19th JULY 2021 OM</p> <p>19th JULY 2021 TH/LS/OM</p> <p>19th JULY 2021 TH/LS/OM</p>
Handling music	Risk of cross infection from sharing resources	<p>Frequent use of hand sanitiser to be encouraged</p> <p>Choristers to have own set of resources. To be put in place before Chorister arrive. Avoid sharing books, music and don't touch things others may touch</p> <p>Minimum 48 hours between use of resources</p>	19 JULY 2021 2020
Robes	Risk of infection through robes	<p>Each Chorister will touch/wear only their own robes</p> <p>Robes to be uncovered and hung to air for 72 hours before wearing</p> <p>Robes to be hung to air for 72 hours after wearing</p>	<p>19th July 2021 TH/LS/OM</p> <p>All Choristers after rehearsal and Sunday service.</p> <p>19 July 2021</p>

<p>Cleaning</p>	<p>Cleaning surfaces infected by people carrying the virus.</p> <p>Disposing of rubbish containing tissues & paper towels</p> <p>Deep cleaning premises if someone falls ill with CV-19 on the premises.</p> <p>Provide suitable cleaning materials & PPE</p>	<p>Hard surfaces, door handles, switches, etc. to be cleaned upon arrival and during rehearsal. No need to clean after rehearsal as more than 72 hours before next use. Hard surfaces need cleaning after services, as less than 72 hours before next use</p> <p>Rubbish bin to be emptied after each rehearsal or service.</p> <p>Disposable gloves/face coverings and cleaning materials are available at West end. Should anyone fall ill during rehearsal, Choir Director or his deputy to inform Vicar and Warden immediately. Cleaning team will deep clean whole church and building will be closed for 72 hours</p> <p>Cleaning materials & PPE provided (Sanitation Station at west end). Leon has access to all of these.</p>	<p>LS. Ongoing</p> <p>LS / TH ongoing</p> <p>19th JULY 2021 TH/LS/OM</p> <p>19th JULY 2021 LS/OM</p>
<p>Access</p>	<p>Access via the <i>Choir Door</i> only, and limited to the Choir Vestry and Chancel to reduce risks</p>	<p>Choir Director to instruct choristers to use only the Choir Vestry Access and limit movement to Chancel. Hand sanitiser to be used on entry & exit. Note: door/vestry pinch points, stagger access to both</p>	<p>19th JULY 2021</p>