

Covid-19 Risk Assessment - Sheen Gate Choir

September 2020

Summary:

The choir of 20-30 people wishes to rehearse on a weekly basis. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm for 2 hours, at Christ Church, East Sheen, which is a Covid-secure space.

This document lays out the risks and their associated mitigating actions specific to the choir's rehearsals. The choir will, as a baseline, follow all relevant actions as laid out in the Government's guidelines (such as all singers facing in the same direction) and in the Christ Church Covid-secure protocol (such as seating in alternate pews). These actions are therefore not necessarily itemized below.

Risk	Mitigating action
That an infected member of the choir spreads the virus to other members of the choir through singing.	Masks will be worn by all singers at all times in the church.
That the creation of an aerosol through loud singing will spread the virus despite use of masks.	The choir will limit the volume of singing to mezzo forte.
That choristers spread the virus to other choristers through touching shared items.	No shared music will be used. Choristers will not touch each other or any of each other's items (such as coats, umbrellas or other items that might be brought to the church).
That choristers spread the virus to other choristers through touching surfaces such as pews and chairs.	Choristers will be encouraged to minimise the touching of surfaces throughout rehearsals. Choristers will remain in the same places in the church so that they do not come into contact with areas where other choristers have been sitting.

That choristers spread the virus to other church users through touching surfaces such as pews and chairs.	The choir will minimise touching of surfaces as above. The church will be cleaned after each rehearsal as per Christ Church protocol.
That choristers spread the virus to other choristers through touching surfaces in bathrooms.	The choir will encourage use of bathrooms only in emergencies. Christ Church cleaning protocol will be followed any time that bathrooms are used.
That choristers spread the virus to each other by congregating or 'mingling' either inside or outside the church before or after the rehearsal.	Add to the weekly notices and Covid reminders a statement that choristers must disperse immediately after the rehearsal ends, and not stop outside the church to converse, nor group together before rehearsal.

As per Government guidelines and Christ Church protocol, a listing of all singers present (ie visitors to the church) and their contact telephone numbers will be recorded by the choir. If any chorister is identified as being infected with Covid-19 within the mandated period of having been in the church, the choir will inform the mandated authorities immediately upon request, and will also inform the churchwardens.

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