

## Covid 19 risk assessment – Shaldon Singers – August 2021

At last it seems that we may be able to sing together in person! However, we are aware that there are some vulnerable people in the choir, so we have identified measures to put in place ready for when we start to rehearse in person, in order to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid 19 to our members. The following risk assessment outlines the steps we are taking and the rationale behind them in order to mitigate the risk inherent in live rehearsals.

The risk assessment will be kept under review in relation to the local situation and government guidance; choir members will be informed of any changes.

Hazard	Measures to reduce risk	Actions	Responsibility
Risk of choir members unwittingly bringing viral infection into the church	Reduce the chance of introducing infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members not to attend if they are unwell in any way</li> <li>• Members to carry out a lateral flow test (available free from chemists) on the day of rehearsal, and only attend if the result is negative</li> <li>• Members to wear masks unless they are seated/standing to sing in their designated seat.</li> <li>• Members to use hand gel on entering the church</li> <li>• Voice reps or nominated representatives to maintain a register of attendance and seating positions</li> </ul>	Each choir member
Risk of virus transmission due to poor ventilation	Optimise ventilation within the church Maximise space between members whilst singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the only two windows in the church that can be opened</li> <li>• Keep the doors of the Lady chapel open and the main entrance open throughout rehearsal (NB choir members need to be aware that they will need to dress warmly!)</li> <li>• Seating will be in a 'checkerboard' arrangement with 1 metre distancing, as laid out by the church, so that no one has anyone immediately next to them in any direction.</li> <li>• A limited number of seats will be available in the aisles for those who would prefer more space</li> </ul>	Committee Each choir member
Risk of virus transmission from contaminated surfaces	Implement a more intense cleaning regime as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean chairs and other surfaces as required by church warden</li> </ul>	Committee in liaison with church warden
Risk of failing to communicate exposure to virus	Implement a track and trace system for the choir which will identify close contact with virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to sit in designated seating pattern for each rehearsal, under guidance from voice reps</li> <li>• voice reps or delegated others to ensure they note where members are seated</li> <li>• Register to be completed weekly by voice reps or delegated other and returned to Mary Mears</li> <li>• Members to inform voice rep or nominated other immediately if they test positive for Covid during the week following rehearsal</li> </ul>	Each choir member Voice reps Committee
Risk of failure to comply with safe practice as outlined above	Ensure implemented strategies are clear to all choir members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk assessment to be circulated to all members</li> </ul>	Each choir member Voice reps Committee