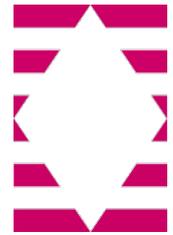


TRING CHORAL SOCIETY



COVID-19 Protocol

August 2021

This is our COVID-19 Protocol which sets out our approach to keeping people as safe as we can when taking part in rehearsals and concerts. Please kindly read it and do your best to abide by the procedures described below. By taking the steps we also hope that anyone who is uncomfortable or nervous about singing again will be reassured that they can do so as safely as possible.

It has been a long time since we were last able to convene as a choir and we are grateful to both Akeman Street Baptist Church (ASBC) and St Peter and St Paul Church, Tring, (SPSP) for being willing to allow us back to sing there. We are committed to keeping people safe and to abiding by any future government regulations or guidance and any particular procedures requested by ASBC or SPSP as part of their own control systems. We will consider what you as a choir may feel is best in all the circumstances. We cannot guarantee that these safety measures will prevent people catching the virus and you will want to consider if you should attend rehearsals depending on your personal circumstances. COVID-19 is likely to be with us for the foreseeable future and we shall therefore monitor the situation continually and make adjustments if necessary.

These are the procedures we respectfully ask you to follow when attending choir rehearsals:-

1. Symptoms

- a. Do not attend rehearsal if you have cold/flu-like symptoms, persistent cough, breathing difficulties or loss of taste or smell
- b. Go home immediately if you develop any such symptoms in rehearsal and notify Zoe Hill, Secretary (secretary@tringchoral.org.uk) and if appropriate contact NHS111
- c. Inform Zoe Hill immediately if you subsequently test positive for COVID-19 so she can inform all members of the choir attending the relevant rehearsal and ASBC

2. Vaccination and testing

- a. We recommend all members of the choir are double vaccinated before attending rehearsals
- b. To minimise risk all members are requested to take a lateral flow test before rehearsals

3. Entry and exit

- a. Please enter and exit ASBC by the front door only
- b. Wear a face mask in ASBC until seated and whenever you wish to move about

4. Sanitising and handwashing

- a. Sign the register as usual using your own pen and sanitise your hands
- b. Ensure rigorous hand washing before you come to rehearsal and during rehearsal if appropriate
- c. Avoid touching any surfaces at the venue so far as practically possible
- d. Avoid shaking hands with anyone for the present

- e. Use only the disabled toilet facilities in the entrance lobby
 - f. Take any tissues or other rubbish home with you
 - g. Avoid sharing anything with other singers
5. Social distancing
- a. Please try to maintain social distancing at all times and respect the space of others
 - b. Please comply with any seating instructions and avoid moving chairs from current positions
6. Ventilation
- a. Doors and windows will be open wherever feasible with due regard to the venue owner's instructions for safety and security and, of course, the weather. Please bring a coat where you feel this may be necessary.

Thank you for your co-operation and for playing your part in keeping yourself and others safe.