



## **Covid 19 Risk Assessment for In-Person Rehearsals September 2021**

1. All of the information below is subject to any changes of advice from St Stephen's Church. Currently there are no restrictions.
2. The information is based upon the most recent (17<sup>th</sup> August 2021) government guidelines and advice. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/events-and-attractions>
- 3. By attending rehearsals, individuals agree to the strategies set out below. This is to protect all choir members, including the most vulnerable, as we begin regular in-person rehearsals.**

**Objective** - to mitigate the spread of Covid 19 during in-person choir rehearsals

### **1. General procedures**

- Hand gel will be available at the entrance to the church.
- Initially, no access to kitchen or other refreshment facilities – bring own drinks. This will be reviewed after a few weeks.
- Toilets will be open.
- Rehearsal breaks and rehearsal time may be reduced.
- We encourage everyone to wear masks for entry and exit to rehearsal, (those with pre-existing medical exceptions are exempt).
- We encourage you to be aware and considerate of other members' personal space and varying degrees of precaution
- St Stephen's ask us to maintain simple hygiene.

### **2. Rehearsing**

- We encourage singers to wear masks during the rehearsal for the initial period at least.

- There will be more space between seats/ rows than previously and chairs will be staggered, so as not to be immediately behind or in front of one another. Volunteers will be needed to do this.
- You are encouraged to sit elsewhere in the church if you will feel more comfortable

### **3. Scores/ piano /amplifier**

- The piano and amplifier should not move from their stage positions [and will be wiped down both before and after use.]
- Collection of scores. We still have some copies of scores from March, most of which should be RETURNED, (some will be kept for use in the next rehearsals, see list later.)
- Distribution of scores. Any scores to be distributed will have been sorted out into sets beforehand. Scores and any other items should NOT be left in the church.

### **4. Parking**

No cars may use the church car park (other than the director and others bringing equipment, supplies) and Disabled Badge Holders)

**When parking in the side roads do not park on the grass, block driveways or obstruct footpaths.** Better to park safely and well and walk than park badly. Disabled Pass Drivers may park at the front **providing they do not block the Rectory Drive.** This will avoid unnecessary contact with our neighbours which should protect them and us.

## **FINALLY (and obviously)**

### **5. Attendance**

You should not attend if you have:

- A temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of / change to your sense of taste or smell
- A sore throat or headache
- Tested positive for the virus, been in contact with someone who has tested positive, or has shown any virus symptoms, unless you have quarantined.

**We will review these requirements and precautions after the first few rehearsals and in any case they will be subject to any changes in government or church advice.**

This Risk Assessment incorporates conditions set by the church and has been approved by

- The Risk Committee, Liverpool Phoenix Voices

Date: Sept 6th 2021