

LMH Chapel Choir – Covid policy

LMH Chapel Choir will be starting up again in Michaelmas Term 2021 (it's be good to be back!) and many of the COVID-related restrictions on singing have now been lifted. This makes our activities a lot more straightforward, but there are still a few key points which Andrew and I would like you to observe – so please do read through the below, which is based on guidance from College and the Royal School of Church Music.

General

- It's obviously important to follow all College's COVID rules
- Everyone should be sensible in assessing their own health and ability to come to choir; welfare is paramount, and we will be understanding if you don't feel well enough, or safe enough, to attend
- Please bear with us as we get to grips with returning to 'normal', and be prepared to muck in and help out if it looks like we're in need

All Chapel Choir members

- Please take a Lateral Flow Test on Fridays, before you come to Chapel. If the result is positive, or indeed if you have any cold-like symptoms, please do not come to Chapel; instead let me know, by email or on 07789 502 981
- It is strongly encouraged that you wear masks when not singing, including during services
- It is strongly encouraged that you make regular use of hand sanitiser, which is available in Chapel
- We will be keeping a register for Track and Trace purposes (and for allocating free Formals)
- We won't be socially distancing, but we will be opening all doors and windows for ventilation
- Please bring and take away your own pencils
- Please don't bring water bottles into Chapel
- Please don't leave belongings in the Choir Vestry

Scholars

- Please be prepared to be flexible in sharing duties (playing, conducting, solos) in cases of absence
- Ideally, only one person to play organ or piano on any given Friday
- After each Friday service, organ consoles and piano keyboard to be wiped with a soft cloth sprayed with disinfectant (do not apply disinfectant directly to instruments)

Finally, and most importantly, enjoy it! It will be exciting to be part of Chapel Choir as we return closer to 'normal'. If you have any questions about any of this, do email paul.burke@lmh.ox.ac.uk, and I'll look forward to seeing you at choir soon.

Paul Burke
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