



Venue: a Covid-safe building

Rehearsals take place at St Michael's Church, Macclesfield (as from 6th September 2021).

This is a very large, well-ventilated space with easy accommodation for the numbers who could attend (up to 80/90). There is ample room for more cautious members to implement greater social distancing than our recommendation of one empty chair between singers.

Ventilation

The building is large and well-ventilated (perhaps too well-ventilated in cold weather!). We will keep internal doors open to encourage air-flow. A CO2 monitor will be used at rehearsals to monitor air quality

Duration of rehearsal

Rehearsals will be from 7.30-9.00pm **without a break**, to minimise movement around the building.

Refreshments and an opportunity to socialise will be provided at the end of the rehearsal (9.00pm), when those who wish to do so can leave and others can drink their tea/coffee and chat comfortably and safely, using the ample space the building affords.

Please do not attend rehearsals if:

- a. you know you should be self-isolating for any reason;
- b. you feel unwell with any of the following symptoms,
 - raised temperature;
 - new persistent cough;
 - loss of smell/taste;
- c. You have been in close contact with someone who exhibits potential Covid symptoms;
- d. you have had a recent positive lateral flow test.

Please inform a member of the Committee if you test positive for Covid within a few days of having attended a rehearsal.

With effect from 19th July 2021 all government Covid restrictions have been relaxed. However, **we strongly recommend adherence to the following protocols for your own and others' confidence and safety:**

1. Do not stand or walk close to others: please respect others' individual space;
2. Sanitise hands on entry;
3. Wear a face mask (fully covering nose and mouth) when entering and moving around the building. Remove your mask only when you are seated;
4. Sit in your designated voice-part section, leaving one empty chair between you and your neighbour. If you would prefer greater distance, please indicate that you would like two empty chairs between you and your neighbour by placing a card on the seats to remain unoccupied (cards available as you sign in, in the entrance area of the church);
5. If you need to cough or sneeze at any time, please use a handkerchief/tissue

This protocol is designed to reduce the risks from Covid-19 to an acceptable minimum. However, each member is responsible for assessing her/his own personal risk. We cannot guarantee absolute safety but hope that all/most members are now fully vaccinated and feel comfortable about resuming indoor rehearsals on this basis.