The Life and Mission Choir

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Dear Friends,

A very Happy New Year to you! January is a time when we usually look forward to new projects and exciting opportunities. However, alongside this as we enter 2022, once again we find ourselves dealing with a curveball - Omicron! Covid unfortunately has affected the Christmas of most choir members in some way or other, but we can be reassured that as we continue to pray for each other, the Lord will keep us in his loving arms.

Our only live singing this Christmas was at the church doors during our party! However, our YouTube channel has been quietly successful over Christmas. From the first Sunday in Advent, when we posted our first Advent video, up to this week our channel has had exactly 1000 views! (And a few new subscribers too). I’d like to keep posting videos every now and again - I’d like to record *Can’t help Falling in Love with You* and *For the Beauty of the Earth* in the near future. **( If you have copies of these, please bring them to rehearsal.)**

I’m sure, like me, you must find it frustrating that we have no concrete dates in place for performances in the near future. As ever we pray God’s patience over the situation.

I know from discussions with some of you, that there are all sorts of things to consider when it comes to live rehearsals. Some of you are not able to return in person yet but rest assured you are never far from our thoughts and prayers.

Feel free to come when you can - the full list of diary dates is at the end of the newsletter. **Please note there are no rehearsals on Friday 18th February and Friday 25th March (coz im on me hols :p)**

**Here’s just a little reminder of the measures we will continue to put in place to keep us all safe:**

1. We shall be continuing to rehearse in the church sanctuary - not the back parlour - as this is a larger space and it is easier to keep some distance between singers.
2. We shall be using alternate pews to put some distance between rows of singers.
3. Be aware of the space between you and other choir members when entering or leaving the building - especially in the doorways and the small room before entering the sanctuary.
4. You are welcome to wear a mask before , during or after rehearsal.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available on arrival.
6. You may sing **without** a mask on, however if you feel more comfortable wearing one you are more than welcome to.
7. Refreshments (Tea and Coffee) will be served afterwards from a trolley in the main sanctuary.
8. **If you are feeling unwell or have symptoms please do not attend rehearsal.** Likewise if you develop symptoms and test positive following a rehearsal, please let me (Paul) know. (All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.)

Keeping everyone safe is our number one priority and I have no doubt you will treat each other with the love and care so often shown in the choir. (As before, please do not be offended if someone asks you to stand further back or moves away from you - we all have different needs and comfort levels.) I pray you keep well and may God surround you with his love and protection.

Yours, Paul.

| Diary Dates | | |
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| Friday 14th January | Rehearsal | Christchurch, |
| Friday 21st January | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 28th January | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 4th February | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 11th February | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 18th February | **No Rehearsal** | Christchurch |
| Friday 25th February | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 4th March | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 11th March | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 18th March | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 25th March | **No Rehearsal** |  |
| Friday 1st April | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 8th April | Rehearsal | Christchurch |
| Friday 15th April | **No Rehearsal GOOD FRIDAY** |  |
| **Please arrive to start at 8pm, unless otherwise stated. All rehearsals are at Christchurch URC/Baptist Church, New Southgate and Friern Barnet, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3EP**  [**http://www.christchurchnsfb.org/**](http://www.christchurchnsfb.org/) | | |