

CHOIR COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1:00pm on Thursday, 12 October 2023

Thirkill Room

Present: Professor Jocelyn Wyburd (Acting Chair and Tutors' Representative); Ms Gabrielle Bell (Head of Chapel Office); Evie Perfect (Junior Organ Scholar); Daniel Blaze (Senior Organ Scholar); Alex Carter (Senior Choral Scholar); Maggie Tam (Senior Choral Scholar); Emily Coatsworth (Senior Choral Scholar); Dr Toby Wilkinson (Fellow for Development) ; the Rev'd Dr Mark Smith (Dean); Ms Sally Hodges (College Communications Manager); Mr Graham Ross (Director of Music); Miss Helen Southernwood (Choir Administrator);.

1. **Apologies**

Miss Emma Easterbrook (Assistant Bursar); Professor Douglas Hedley (Chair)

2. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Declarations of Interest**

None.

(ii) **Minutes of Thursday, 15 June 2023**

Approved.

(iii) **Matters Arising**

None.

(v) **Update on current projects**

All of the current projects have been reviewed and were scheduled to go ahead.

a) Great Hall Concert – Monteverdi *Vespers* (Tuesday 24 October 2023)

b) Joint Evensong with Clare Hall (Tuesday 7 November 2023)

c) Advent Carol Services (Tuesday 28 November and Thursday 30 November 2023)

- d) Staff Carols, River Room (Wednesday 29 November 2023)
- e) St Mary's Church, Hay on Wye (Wednesday 6 December 2023)
- f) USA Tour (Thursday 7 December 2023 – Friday 15 December 2023)
- g) St John's Smith Square, Christmas Festival (Monday, 18 December 2023)
- h) Utrecht Early Music Festival (Tuesday 19 – 24 December 2023)
- i) King's College Chapel – CUMS A Child of our Time (Saturday 20 January 2024)
- j) Rugby School Joint Evensong (Tuesday 6 February 2024)
- k) Joint Evensong with St John's College Choir (St John's College Chapel) (Tuesday 27 February 2024)
- l) Joint Evensong with Jesus College Choir (Tuesday 5 March 2024)
- m) St John's Smith Square, London – Monteverdi *Vespers* (Saturday 27 April 2024)

3. **Any Other Business**

- i. ***Use of Choir neck ties with robes for men:*** Mr Alex Carter asked whether the men on weekday services where there is no dress code for rehearsal may be allowed to (instead of shirt and tie) to wear the same as the women. The Director of Music and Head of Chapel Office agreed and the Committee noted that this would be offered moving forward.
- ii. ***Concert pricing for students:*** Mr Alex Carter raised that for the Choir's forthcoming performance of Monteverdi *Vespers* events there are no student ticket prices being offered. The Director of Music noted that student discounts are ordinarily offered for self-promoted Choir events, but on this occasion the combination of the expense involved in this particular concert and the Hall's limited audience capacity resulted in the need to try and make the concert as profitable as possible. It was agreed that ticket sales would be reviewed 10 days before the event, and that the Dress

Rehearsal on the day would be open to Clare students to attend free of charge.

6. **Date of next meetings (Thirkill Room), all start at 1.00pm.**

- i. November 23rd
- ii. January 25th
- iii. March 7th
- iv. May 2nd
- v. June 6th

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For information: Ms Loretta Minghella (Master); Miss Elizabeth Conder (Bursar); Professor Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Dr Toby Wilkinson (Fellow for Development).

Miss Helen Southernwood

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