

CHOIR COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1:00pm on Thursday, 23 January 2020

Latimer Room, Clare College

Present: Professor Douglas Hedley (Chair); Miss Sophie Alabaster (Choir Administrator); Ms Camille Chabloz (Development Office); Dr Timothy Chesters (Fellows' Representative); Miss Emma Easterbrook (Assistant Bursar); George Gillow (Junior Organ Scholar); Jessica Hopkins (Senior Choral Scholar); Mr Bill O'Hearn (Development Director); Joseph Payne (Senior Choral Volunteer); Mrs Nicola Robertson (Head of Chapel Office); Mr Graham Ross (Director of Music); the Rev'd Dr Mark Smith (Dean); and Ms Jocelyn Wyburd (Tutors' Representative).

1. **Apologies**

Ashley Chow (Senior Organ Scholar)

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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3. **Minutes of 17 October 2019**

Approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Update on current projects**

a. ***Hallgrímskirkja, ICELAND (14-15 March 2020)***

The Director of Music informed the Choir Committee that the planned weekend tour to Iceland was progressing well with a concert & sung Mass in the Hallgrímskirkja. The Assistant Bursar informed the Choir Committee that the Iceland weekend had come up in discussion with College Council who were satisfied with the details provided. As this fell within the vacation period no formal approval was needed other than that by Choir Committee.

b. ***St Matthew Passion, Laren, NETHERLANDS (4-5 April 2020)***

The Director of Music informed the Choir Committee that the logistics of this tour were progressing well and that he had been informed that the concert would likely sold out.

c. ***Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey (20 April 2020)***

After the service, the Director of Music advised that there was the possibility of the Choir attending a drinks reception hosted by the former Dean, Revd Dr James Hawkey.

d. ***Germany Tour (1-2 August 2020)***

The Director of Music notified the Choir Committee that the planned tour to Germany had regrettably fallen through and at this late stage it wouldn't be possible to programme anything else.

e. ***Benefactors' Recital and Dinner (12 September 2020)***

The Director of Music noted that this event would take place in the Great Hall but that next year plans are still uncertain due to building works.

f. ***Howard Assembly Rooms, Opera North***

The Director of Music noted he had been advised by the promoter that the date for this event may need to change due to building works at the venue.

g. All other engagements remained unchanged.

Any Other Business

None.

6. **Date of next meeting**

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For information: Anthony, Lord Grabiner QC (Master); Dr Jacqueline Tasioulas (Senior Tutor); and Mr Paul Warren (Bursar).

Miss Sophie Alabaster

4 February 2020