

## Escafeld Chorale safety measures (subject to ongoing review)

- **Members are asked NOT to attend if they or any member of their household have any symptoms of Coronavirus or are feeling generally unwell (e.g. with a general cold or cough).**
- Rehearsals will take place in the main body of the church, which offers improved ventilation and the space for adequate social distancing.
- All members are asked to ‘warm up’ their voice at home, noting that there will not be a break, and the session will run from **7.30 – 8.45pm (arrivals from 7pm onwards in the first instance – timing will be reviewed if we’re able to get seated quickly).**
- **Entry (and exit) will ONLY be via the usual front entrance. No other door should be used.** Observing social distancing, members should arrive in good time and enter one at a time at the direction of stewards (initially Committee members).
- Stewards will be at the entrance to facilitate the following:
  - All members are expected to wear face coverings upon entering the building, until they are seated in their part groups, and singing commences. If preferred, members can retain wearing their face coverings during the rehearsal. (NB Individuals can purchase special ‘singing masks’ via the website [funkymasks.uk](http://funkymasks.uk) or plastic mask inserts that provide more space inside the mask are available from <https://shop.disabilityhorizons.com>).
  - Hand sanitiser will be available for all members to use upon entering the building.
  - All members will be signed in by a steward.
  - All members are requested not to mingle and chat once inside the church
- If required, **ONLY** the ground floor disabled toilet can be used by members, with use of hand sanitiser before and after entering, whilst wearing a face covering.
- Mingling before and after the rehearsal should be kept to a minimum, face masks should be worn and social distancing maintained as far as possible.
- All members will remain seated for the duration of the rehearsal, except when the conductor suggests that we stand, and should replace their face covering when leaving their seat during or after the rehearsal.
- All members are advised to bring in their own water to drink whilst remaining seated.
- At the end of the rehearsal, members will leave the church in an orderly manner, at the direction of stewards. Members are expected to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing. Please do not use the alley at the side of the church or the back door leading to the car park.
- No returning member should feel obliged to stay at a rehearsal if they do not feel secure with the arrangements.
- The Committee understands that by attending the rehearsals, members will have read and accepted the Safety Measures, and have made their own assessment of risk within the given situation. N.B. The full Risk Assessment is available on the website at [https://www.escafeldchorale.org.uk/docs/Escafeld\\_risk\\_assessment\\_for\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://www.escafeldchorale.org.uk/docs/Escafeld_risk_assessment_for_COVID-19.pdf)

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