

## **Covid Safety Arrangements Amchor Concert December 4<sup>th</sup> 2021**

We are looking forward to performing Handel's *Messiah* on December 4th and want to make the event as safe and enjoyable as reasonably possible for everybody. All relevant government guidelines will, of course, be observed (see the Amchor website for any updates). In addition to these we are planning the following extra provisions.

### **For all participants and attendees:**

- We encourage everybody to do a lateral flow test on concert day to check they are Covid-19 free.
- Please do not attend if you have tested positive for Covid-19, or have Covid symptoms, or suspect you may be infected.
- There will be greater spacing than usual for the choir.

### **For our audience:**

- We encourage everybody to wear masks while in the church. Spare masks will be available to anyone who has forgotten to bring their own.
- We request people to arrive in good time to stagger entry (doors will open as usual at 7.00pm).
- As usual, most of the seating in St Mary's will be 'open'. We therefore ask everybody to be conscious of those around them and try to allow spacing in the pews between household groups.
- Seats for Friends of Amchor will be spaced to allow social distancing.
- Increased spacing will be allowed between rows of pews and chairs.
- The chancel area will be set out with a *limited* amount of places with extra spacing between seats. These places may be reserved in advance by ticket holders (contact [liz@ewager.co.uk](mailto:liz@ewager.co.uk) no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November).
- We urge people to buy tickets in advance. The number of people admitted to the church will be limited to prevent crowding.
- Tickets will be checked by stewards during queuing outside the church before the doors open.
- There will be separate queues for those with and without tickets.
- Hand sanitisers will be available
- Programmes will be available for audience members to help themselves, with boxes for cash donations toward print costs.