CHOIR COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1pm on Thursday 6 June 2024

Domus Room

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

1. Apologies

Mr Harry Elliot (Choir Administrator)

2. UNRESERVED

(i) Declarations of Interest

None

(ii) Minutes of Thursday 2 May 2024

Approved

(iii) Matters Arising

Frequency of committee meetings: The Committee discussed reducing the frequency of meetings to one per term, in recognition of pressures on time for committee members. This was agreed on the understanding that any business arising between meetings would be discussed by email as appropriate. The Senior Choral Scholars suggested that a mid-term date would enable them to gather views or issues to be raised from Choir members in a timely manner.

(i∨) Update on current projects

All of the following current projects had been reviewed by the Committee and were scheduled to go ahead.

a) UK recording (Fairfield Halls, Croydon)

(Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 July 2024)

k) Advent Carol Services(Thursday 28 November 2024 & Sunday 1 December 2024)

I) Afternoon workshop (2-3pm TBC), followed by evening concert in Lugano Cathedral, Switzerland

(Saturday 7 December 2024)

The Committee noted that there is an unconfirmed concert in Como, Italy, the following day (in the same leg of the tour).

m) Bede House Advent Service, St Mary's Rotherhithe, Bermondsey

(Monday 9 December 2024)

- n) Christmas Concert for Leamington Festival (Tuesday 10 December 2024, 7.30pm)
- o) St John's Smith Square, Christmas Festival, London (Monday 16 December 2024)

The committee noted that this date had been approved and is due to be taken to Council. This will be a repeat of the Great Hall concert on 29th October 2024.

w) Great Hall Concert

(Tuesday 4th November)

- x) Concert, Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Sunday 21 December 2025, 11am)
- xi) Great Hall Concert

(Tuesday 10th March 2026)

The Committee noted that this has been approved by Council.

xii) Great Hall Concert

(Tuesday 3rd November 2026)

The Committee noted that this has been approved by Council.

3. Any Other Business

The Director of Music thanked all members of the Committee for their contributions during 2023-24 and expressed gratitude, on behalf of members, to the Organ Scholars and to the out-going Senior Choral Scholars for giving their time and representing the Choir at meetings.

- 4. Dates of next meetings (all start at 1pm)
 - i. Thursday 7th November 2024
 - ii. Thursday 6th February 2025
 - iii. Thursday 15th May 2025

Venues to be confirmed.

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Ms Gabrielle Bell Wednesday 12 June 2024