

# CHOIR COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

1pm on Thursday 2 May 2024

### Thirkill Room

**Present:** Professor Douglas Hedley (Chair); Revd. Dr Mark Smith (Dean); Mr Graham Ross (Director of Music); Ms Gabrielle Bell (Head of Chapel Office); Mr Harry Elliot (Choir Administrator); Ms Sally Hodges (College Communications Manager); 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**

Dr Toby Wilkinson (Fellow for Development); Professor Jocelyn Wyburd (Acting Chair and Tutors' Representative); Ms Emma Easterbrook (Assistant Bursar); Mr Daniel Blaze (Senior Organ Scholar)

2. **UNRESERVED**

(i) **Declarations of Interest**

None

(ii) **Minutes of Thursday 7 March 2024**

Approved

(iii) **Matters Arising**

None

(iv) **Update on current projects**

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

- a) Choral Evensong with Clare Choir Alumni Association  
(Saturday 11 May 2024)

b) Singing for University Sermon (Great St Mary's Church)  
(Sunday 26 May 2024)

c) UK recording (Fairfield Halls, Croydon)  
(Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 July 2024)

d) Concert for Cambridge Summer Music Festival (OLEM)  
(Friday 5 July 2024)

e) Joint Evensong with St John's Voices  
(Tuesday 29 October 2024)

The Committee noted that this event is contingent on the state of St John's Voices, a choir which is currently scheduled to disband at the end of the current academic year. In the case that a joint service is impossible, the event will revert to a normal weekday Evensong.

f) Bedford Festival Concert  
(Thursday 31 October 2024)

The Committee noted that this concert has been approved by the College Council.

g) BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong Broadcast  
(Wednesday 6 November 2024)

The Committee noted that the College Council has approved this event, and has been assured that it will cause no material disruption to the ongoing renovation works of Clare Old Court.

h) Joint Evensong with Eltham College  
(Thursday 7 November 2024)

i) Remembrance Sunday Memorial Court Service  
(Sunday 10 November 2024)

j) Great Hall Concert  
(Tuesday 12 November 2024)

- k) Advent Carol Services  
(Thursday 28 November 2024 & Sunday 1 December 2024)
- l) 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)
- o) St John's Smith Square, Christmas Festival, London  
(Monday 16 December 2024)
- p) Concert, Sint Jacobskerk, Vlissingen, Netherlands  
(Tuesday 17 December 2024)
- q) Concert, Stevenskerk, Nijmegen, Netherlands  
(Friday 20 December 2024)
- r) Concert, Dom St Blasien, Germany  
(Saturday 21 December 2024)
- s) Concert, St Franz Xaver, Basel, Switzerland  
(Sunday 22 December 2024)
- t) Concert, Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
(Sunday 21 December 2025)

3. **Any Other Business**

None

4. **Date of next meeting(s) (all start at 1pm)**

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

**Mr Harry Elliot**  
**Thursday 2 May 2024**