



## **MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Handful is a friendly choir where each member is included and valued. However, the choir has a reputation to uphold and members are required to buy in to the following:

### **COMMITMENT**

The Handful prides itself on being a high quality chamber choir with a constant aspiration to advance. To this end, members are expected to be available for all concerts, unless they have excused themselves to the Musical Director, and all rehearsals (except the last before a concert if for some reason they are unable to sing in the concert), and to be there in time to allow rehearsals to start promptly. Members are required to work on the music between rehearsals so that the need for note-bashing is reduced to an absolute minimum.

### **CONCERTS**

Concerts are normally on Saturdays and the choir's normal concert schedule is as follows:

December concert

March/April (date depending on fall of Easter)

Mid/late June

Concerts vary between a cappella, keyboard accompaniment and instrumental ensemble/orchestra accompaniment, depending on the repertoire, which is agreed between Musical Director and committee.

### **REHEARSALS**

The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7.45 until 9.30pm, normally in the John Wood Chapel, The Mansion, Prior Park College, Bath BA2 5AH, but recently in St Michael's Church Without, Bath BA1 5LJ to take account of the need for social distancing.

### **ATTENDANCE**

An invitation to complete the Doodle Poll is sent to each member and members are expected to complete it well in advance. If a member becomes unable to attend a rehearsal, s/he is expected to inform the attendance officer as far in advance as possible and also to update the Doodle Poll. A register of attendance will be kept. If a member misses more than two rehearsals for a concert, the Musical Director reserves the right to ask her/him to sing to him any part of the music for the concert to ensure that it is known and to exclude her/him from the concert if necessary.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The members' subscription for 2020/2021 is £180 per annum, normally to be paid by monthly standing order of £15 per month to the choir's bank account.

### **MUSIC**

The choir does not hold a music library. If new music is required for a concert, members are asked to pay for it. Such music is usually ordered in bulk (usually by the librarian) but becomes the property of the member upon payment.

### **CONCERT DRESS**

Men: Black suits, black shirts and black ties

Ladies: Long black skirts or (smart) trousers/black tops with sleeves (at least elbow length), Handful flowers (gold).

### **AUDITIONS**

All members will be re-auditioned every 2-3 years or as required by the Musical Director; commitment will be taken into account as well as voice.