



THE BAND OF THE SURREY YEOMANRY

President: Brigadier Aidan Smyth

Rehearsal Risk Assessment

For rehearsals held at St. John the Evangelist, Church Road, Redhill

The purpose of this assessment is to facilitate rehearsals within the restrictions and guidance of Government advice to control the spread of COVID19. This assessment is prepared for the safety of band members, who for the purposes of this will be the only Church users during rehearsals. Guidance is derived from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>.

Hazard	Probability	Severity	Control measures
Person to person transmission of virus	High	Medium	<p>1. Rehearsals will not take place if Reigate and Banstead is deemed to be a high-risk area. Members in areas deemed to be high-risk should not attend.</p> <p>2. Members must not attend rehearsal within 14 days of a positive C19 test or experiencing any symptoms which could be C19-related (the period is 14 days from the latest of any of these). Anyone who has tested positive within 14 days of attending a rehearsal MUST inform the Band Secretary who will then inform all other members who must self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>A record of attendees at rehearsals will be kept and members' contact details will be used for track-and-trace purposes as described above.</p> <p>Members should use the NHS track and trace app where possible and check in to the rehearsal using the QR code provided.</p> <p>3. No-one except participating members will be permitted in the Church.</p> <p>4. Breaks are of limited duration (< 10 minutes) during which social distancing must be observed. No refreshments will be served (members must bring any food and drink they consume personally) and masks are to be worn in breaks and before and after rehearsals.</p>
Aerosol transmission from instruments	Medium	Medium	<p>1. Layout of the Band will take into account projection of aerosols in accordance with government separation and orientation guidelines (see guidance link).</p>

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			<p>2. Continuous rehearsal periods will be interspersed with breaks to allow dispersal of aerosols.</p>
Transmission on equipment	Medium	Medium	<p>1. "Bring what you use" policy so that members only handle items which they bring personally and take away with them.</p> <p>2. This includes music stands and chairs to be brought by members (rather than using shared chairs) and music to be printed at home, where possible. Sharing of music stands is to be avoided, to maintain social distancing.</p> <p>3. Chairs should be placed as indicated by a committee-approved floor plan (subject to Church approval).</p> <p>4. Members should bring a towel or tissues to mop up drips from instruments and used tissues should be taken away. All disposable items used by members must be bagged and taken away personally.</p> <p>5. Use of the band photocopier will be permitted if a band member has the relevant music part. The music pads may not be available as all music parts are being emailed to members to reduce possible transmission risks.</p> <p>The music "owner" should photocopy the music and the person who needs the copy should collect it directly from the machine. The machine should be cleaned after each use.</p>
Premises	Low	Medium	<p>1. The North and South entrance doors and the Resources room doors should be opened before rehearsal to ensure a flow of air through the Church.</p> <p>2. Members should observe all one-way signs and any entry / exit signs in the Church. Entrance should be by the North door only and exit by the Resources room door.</p> <p>3. The following areas are out-of-bounds: chancel, ambulatories, organ, Lady Chapel, creche, bell tower and balcony, area below balcony.</p> <p>4. Members should wear a mask on entry and exit from the church as this is specified in the guidance, and when using lavatories, as this involves leaving the church and entering another building. Be aware there may be other centre users and maintain social distancing.</p> <p>5. Members should use any hand sanitisers provided.</p>

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			<p>6. Doors and switches should be cleaned before and after use with disinfectant wipes – where possible these should only be handled by designated people.</p> <p>7. Where pews need to be moved these should be handled only by the ends and then cleaned before and after moving.</p> <p>8. Toilets should only be used by one person at a time. Again, all surfaces handled should be cleaned after use with disinfectant wipes.</p> <p>9. The carpet tile squares should not be used as handling them is a potential infection risk. Care should be taken when placing chairs, so they do not go on the grills.</p>