

# Chairman's Report for the year ending April 2022

I was delighted to be elected Chairman of this amazing choir at our AGM in November 2021; and, whilst I have been a member of the choir for over ten years, these last 5 months in the role have really opened my eyes to the challenges we face and the hard work and dedication given by so many people to support and maintain a choir of this quality.

Of course, like everybody else, we suffered through the Covid pandemic as we were unable to meet for our rehearsals. Once the rules were relaxed, however, we managed a carefully planned, safe and phased return to rehearsals from the beginning of August 2021 with smaller groups meeting over the course of a couple of evenings each week for just one hour rather than risk all 100 plus members returning en masse for a full two hour rehearsal. This worked really well and we were all so pleased to be able to get some normality back into our lives!

Then followed a series of short concerts: a "We're Back" concert in October; our Remembrance Concert in November - although not on the scale that this would normally be; also in November a lunchtime concert in Chelmsford Cathedral and a Carol Concert in December - all greatly enjoyed by ourselves and our audiences.

We have many exciting concerts planned for the coming year: but, for now, I would like to extend my grateful thanks for the support given to me by the Committee and I look forward to working with them in the coming year. So a huge thank you to:

Pat Allen (Vice Chairman); Kathleen Curtis (Treasurer); Marion Orchard (Concert Manager); Linda Martin (Membership Secretary); Tanya Sanderson and Linda Taylor (Publicity); Chris Welbourn (Secretary); Margaret Gabe (Section Head - Sopranos); Marilyn Wacgone (Section Head - Mezzos); Moira Al-Shaar (Section Head - Altos).

My final thanks go to our Musical Director, David Clark and our Accompanist, Janet Walker without either of whom we would not have achieved the high standard this choir enjoys.

Thank you everyone and I look forward to another successful year.

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