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August 2021

Dear Member,

**Season 2021 – 2022**

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to in person rehearsals for the forthcoming season!

 I am sure you are eager to return but we will continue to be vigilant as we do not want to jeopardise the opportunity of singing together once again.

When planning for the new season our members’ survey indicated that the ventilation and area in the Community Church was a concern and so our new venue will be Castlehill Church, Old Hillfoot Road, Ayr. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday 31st August 2021. There will be two sessions lasting forty-five minutes with a short break in between. Any refreshments should be your own and although sanitisers will be provided you can also bring personal ones. Face masks will be worn while moving around but can be removed for singing which will be one metre distanced. You may bring a cushion if you wish and as doors will be opened at the interval for ventilation purposes you may wish an extra layer of clothing!

Initially, we will continue to follow the appropriate risk assessment and mitigations which means that we will have staggered admissions and singing in smaller groups as Andy plans that we have some vocal first aid!

Anyone who is unable to attend in person will have the opportunity to join rehearsals online.

Please let me know if transportation is a problem so that arrangements can be made to allow you to join us. There is a small car park attached to the church but there is on street parking in Old Hillfoot Road, Castlehill Road, Dalmellington Road, and Belmont Road.

There will be no concert in the Town Hall this October, but we will come together for a Come and Sing on that day. We will open it to other singers but on this occasion, there will be no audience.

Plans for Christmas are developing.

Our new Associate Conductor Nils Meier will be returning from Germany to the RCS and will be joining us at the end of September.

The **Spring Concert 2022** will be a performance Bach’s St John Passion and will be on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

**Rehearsal Schedule 2021**

**Tuesday 31st August 7th September 14th September 21st September at 7.30pm**

Staggered arrivals (by surname)

7.05 Sopranos A-M

7.10 Altos A-M and Tenors

7.15 Sopranos N-Y

7.20 Altos N-Y

7.25 Basses

The men will rehearse in a separate hall and will be ushered to their venue.

For track and trace purposes you will be registered each rehearsal.

It is hoped we will come together in the church to sing after the four weeks of vocal first aid.

**Sunday24th October 2021 2pm**

**Come and Sing** Workto be announced at first rehearsal.

**Tuesday 26th October to Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm**

**Saturday 11th December**

**Christmas Concert 12th December Town Hall, Ayr**

**2022 Spring Concert**

 **St John Passion J *S Bach* 3rd April 2022**

**ACU Registration for membership and subscription for 2021-22**

At the AGM it was agreed that the subscription this season would be £100.

The registration form is attached to this email. Please return the completed registration form to Ayrchoral@outlook.com; remembering to save the document before attaching!!

For ease of administration, you are also encouraged to pay your fee by bank transfer.

**Account Name** **Ayr Choral Union Sort code 80-08-53,**  **Account number 00133978.**

**IMPORTANT:**

You **MUST** put your name in the reference box as this is the only way the Treasurer will know from whom the money came.

**Cheque payment** should be sent with registration form to ACU, 4 Hillfoot Crescent, Ayr KA7 3LG.

**New Members**

We are always happy to welcome new members to the choir. Please encourage anyone who may be interested or wish to return to come along or contact me beforehand.

**Committee Members 2020-21**

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| **President** | Kate Wilson |
| **Vice President** | Margaret Crankshaw |
| **Interim Treasurer** | Paul Wilson |
| **Secretary** | Marion Andrews |
| **Concert Administrator** | Kevin Watt |
| **Librarian** | Andrew Duffin |
| **Choir Manager** | Roger Clark |
| **Musical Director** | Andy McTaggart |  |  |
| **Accompanist** | Morag Walton |  |  |

**Assistant Conductor** Nils Meier

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| **Section Reps** |  |
| **Soprano** | Janie Maxwell |
|  | Linda Somerville |
| **Alto** | Margaret Mowat |
|  | Anne McIntosh |
| **Tenor** | Ian Young |
| **Bass** | Alasdair Smith |
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| **Ticket Administrator** | Sheila Adams |

**Friends Administrator** David Reader

**Making Music Rep**: Margaret Crankshaw

**Advertising/Marketing** Margaret Crankshaw

**Website** Sandra Watson

Assistant Hannah Curry

I look forward to seeing you again in the new season.

With best wishes,

Marion Andrews

ACU Secretary