Minehead Choral Society

**Musical Director Report May 2022**

What an extraordinary year! Despite the challenges of a global pandemic we have had 2 great concerts that our friends and audience really appreciated. The Lloyd-Webber was an ideal way back for the society, finally delivering the concert we had worked so hard towards in Spring 2020. Last minutes changes of soloists and accompanist added to the challenge but we delivered a great concert. Huge thanks to everyone for all their hard work and dedication, especially working around restrictions and keeping each other safe.

The Choral Classics, the assembly of our favourite choruses, combined with crowd-pleasing hymns and arias, has to go down as one of our best concerts. The change of programme, dropping the majority of the planned Mozart enabled everyone to feel confident and well-rehearsed. The addition of extra friends in the tenors and basses made a dramatic difference to the quality of the performance and enabled all of us to relax and enjoy a wonderful evening. It was a delight to hear Stephanie Berner again and I would like to express sincere thanks to Angela for pulling off a great accompanying performance.

Looking ahead, we have a challenge to recruit and retain members as we build up our reserves. Our next programme will include some favourite highlights from Messiah, together with the Vivaldi Gloria. This “in house” concert will help us to recover further financially, allowing us to spend more on the orchestra and soloists needed for the planned Spring 2023 concert. We aim to have fun making quality music together, and with that firmly at the front of our values, we are still achieving some amazing performances, thank you all. .

***Marcus Capel, May 2022***

**Forthcoming Concerts:**

Autumn Concert 2022:     Saturday 26th November 2022                   Messiah Highlights and Vivaldi Gloria

Spring Concert 2023       Saturday 25th March 2023                        Jenkins Stabat Mater and opera Choruses, with Soloists and Orchestra.