

Hello everyone!

After much thought and deliberation I have decided not to return to the choir in September. The enforced break due to Covid has given me the ideal time to assess my place within the choir and so I find that after 60 years of almost continuous service now is the time to finish. I will also be passing on the Chairmanship of the Association from September to whoever will take it up. Having got the Association established over the last five years it's time for someone else to take up the reins.

I don't want any speeches, presentations or the like – they're not necessary. I'll still be part of the church but just move quietly into a different place. This is the perfect time to finish when a break has been made and I've already been taking my place as a regular member of the congregation in the body of the church.

I'm grateful to all the directors under whom I have served and who between them have enabled me to sing so many of the pieces I've always wanted to sing and for that I am most grateful.

One of the characteristics which defines the Priory Choir is the brotherhood and now sisterhood of the choir, everyone supporting each other. The unique bond between members which has always existed since I joined in 1961 is something most precious and must never be lost. It has certainly sustained me during my lifetime as a member. The Association is very much concerned with that aspect of the choir for both current and past members. I fervently hope that this will always be the case.

I wish everyone well and hope the choir remains an inclusive, integrated and welcoming section of the church family enhancing our worship with appropriate music sung well and with joy.

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