

RSCM Devon Area June 2022 Newsletter

Dear Devon Members and Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed Easter and the Jubilee weekend, and that most people are now back singing after the problems of the last couple of years.

We've had some really successful events so far this year – Evensong at Colyton, Crucifixion at Buckfast and Evensong at Exeter Cathedral – and we have more exciting events coming up for you:

Monday 4th July Visit of Hugh Morris, Director of RSCM
Exeter Cathedral 1pm – 2pm

Come and meet the Director – and do a little singing. Hear his vision for RSCM in the future and plenty of chance to ask him questions and put in requests.

There is no charge for this, but please let me know by email or telephone (text message is fine) if you wish to come so that we can make sure that there is plenty of space.

Saturday 8th October Devon Area Festival Service
Exeter Cathedral Rehearsal: 11.30, Service: 4pm
Directed by Timothy Noon Organist: James Anderson-Besant

This year we celebrate Ralph Vaughan Williams and the Jubilee and we remember Francis Jackson, who died earlier this year.

Again this will be in the form of Choral Evensong, with the Vaughan Williams setting of Let All the World, Preces and Responses by Arthur Hutchings, Canticles to Noble in B minor and Handel's Zadok the Priest, with hymns All People that on Earth do dwell (arr. VW), For the fruits of his creation (tune: East Acklam, by Francis Jackson) and Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (in a festive arrangement by Nicholas Brown).

It is quite possible to do this as a "learn on the day" (a lot of the music is already well known), but please note on the entry form if you need the music sent in advance.

The Canticles, Preces and Responses, Zadok and the last hymn will all be available on the area website, but the Vaughan Williams and Francis Jackson pieces cannot be for copyright reasons (but many of you will have those in your collections anyway).

Revd Canon James Mustard, Precentor of Exeter Cathedral, will be preaching. This will be a treat for us as he has been integral to our services for many years, but has not preached for us yet.

The cost for attending is £7 for adults (those still at school free).

Please make sure to book as much in advance as possible – as last year we will be making the copies on demand, so there is an absolutely final deadline of October 1st

We hope to arrange some regional rehearsals, and dates of these will be circulated by email and on the area website later (those not on email please contact me by the beginning of September).

Saturday 26th November Advent Carol Service

Buckfast Abbey

Rehearsal 1.30,

Service 4.30pm

Our customary start to Advent in the wonderful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey, with traditional carols, hymns and readings.

The cost for attending is £7 for adults (those still at school free).

Please book by 19th November so that we can produce sufficient music copies.

Devon Area Help Scheme If there is anything you think that the Devon Area Team can help with, please telephone or email me to discuss it.

Also if you would like an event in your area, or there is a particular training event that you would find beneficial, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Nicholas Brown

(Devon Area Team Leader) nickpiano64@gmail.com 07765 008859 (please note that the old landline and the btinternet email address are not in operation any longer).

RSCM Devon Area Festival (Exeter Cathedral, Saturday 8th October)

Booking Form

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

email:

Church;

Or individual member:

Number of singers: Trebles: Sopranos: Altos: Tenors: Basses:

Cost: Adults: £7 (18 and under free)

All under-18s need to with them a completed parental consent form (available on the website or from Nicholas Brown)

Please include cheque made payable to Royal School of Church Music (don't include "Devon Area" please)

Please send by October 1st to:

Nicholas Brown, Little Pitt Cottage, Whitchurch Canonorum, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6RG

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