



News from the Royal School of Church Music

## **CALLING ALL SINGERS, COME & SING IN PETERBOROUGH**

DIARY MARKER: SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011.  
RSCM CELEBRATION DAY in PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

PICTURE AVAILABLE – see Notes for Editors below

**The uplifting sound of a massed choir echoing on stone will be experienced in Peterborough Cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> May, as choristers from all over the East of England meet to sing in the Royal School of Church Music's (RSCM) annual Celebration Day service. During the service, honorary awards will be made to those who have contributed significantly to church music, or to the work of the RSCM.**

Recipients this year include the contemporary hymn writer Timothy Dudley Smith, who receives a Fellowship of the Royal School of Church Music (FRSCM), and Peter Wright, Organist of Southwark Cathedral. Other recipients include distinguished church musicians from Australia, South Africa and USA.

“Celebration Day is indeed a happy occasion and a musical feast,” says Lindsay Gray, Director of the RSCM. “It’s very uplifting for the singers and the congregation, who always go away inspired after taking part in, or hearing wonderful music in a glorious setting such as Peterborough Cathedral.”

Choristers can now register to take part (on a first-come, first served basis) and the arrangements for the day can be found at [www.rscm.com/celebrationday](http://www.rscm.com/celebrationday).

**Ends**  
**11 April 2011**

### **Notes for Editors**

To illustrate this event, you can download photographs from last year’s Celebration Day in Durham. Go to [www.rscm.com/media](http://www.rscm.com/media) and click on Picture Gallery. Pictures taken by an official photographer will be available from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

More information about those receiving honorary awards can be found here:  
[http://www.rscm.com/assets/info\\_resources/media/HonAwards\\_2011.pdf](http://www.rscm.com/assets/info_resources/media/HonAwards_2011.pdf)

You are invited to send a Reporter / Photographer on the day. For early evening editions, you are welcome to send a photographer to the massed choir rehearsals in the cathedral from 11.45am to 12.45pm, and

1.45pm until 2.30pm. RSCM staff will be available for interview. Please get in touch with Heather Bamber or Stuart Robinson to arrange (contact details below).

The service begins at 3.30pm.

**The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)** is an educational charity that promotes the best use of music in worship, church life, and the wider community. The RSCM also publishes music and training resources, and organises courses, short workshops and activities. With around 8,500 affiliates, members and friends in over 40 countries, it is an international network, supported by over 600 volunteers and a small team of staff based throughout the UK. More at [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)

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