



## News Release from the Royal School of Church Music

### **FRIENDSHIP – THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.**

As Christmas approaches, the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is inviting sacred music lovers to give presents in the form of a year's subscription as a Friend of the RSCM. Amongst other things, Friends of the RSCM receive editions of the popular *Church Music Quarterly* magazine.

A year's subscription as a Friend of the RSCM costs just £25 in the UK, and can be paid by direct debit. "We have seen a steady rise in the number of people joining as Friends – there are over a thousand now," says Lindsay Gray, Director of the RSCM. "By giving the gift of a year's Friendship, not only is the recipient receiving something tangible in the form of our quarterly church music magazine, but they also become part of our worldwide network supporting music-making in thousands of churches and schools all over the world."

*Church Music Quarterly* keeps friends, individual members and affiliates up to date with the latest news and issues facing church music, and contains articles of interest to both the sacred music lover and to church musicians themselves. In addition, Friends receive information about local RSCM festivals, events and courses through the quarterly magazine *The Network*. "It is important that we do all we can to invest in live music in worship," says Lindsay Gray. "We use every penny to support our work in the field, including our training programmes such as the newly-launched CHURCH MUSIC SKILLS scheme for organists and other musicians. Giving a year's subscription as a Friend of the RSCM is the equivalent of watching just over an hour's live Premier League football and will be an ideal present for anyone who enjoys sacred music, or who maybe loves to sing in the congregation."

At no extra cost, UK Taxpayers can claim Gift Aid on their subscriptions, apart from gifts to immediate family members. For more information on the Friends scheme please telephone 01722 424848 or visit the RSCM website at [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com).

New friends will receive a welcome pack including the current issue of *Church Music Quarterly*.

Applications should be received by 12<sup>th</sup> December to ensure delivery before Christmas - applies to UK (inc Northern Ireland) only.

Ends

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**The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)** is an educational charity and 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 over 8,500 affiliates, members and friends in over 40 countries it is an international network, supported by over 750 volunteers and small team of staff based throughout the UK. More at [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)

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