

## News from the Royal School of Church Music

# ONLINE PRAYERS FOR MUSIC SUNDAY

**As preparations are made by churches up and down the country to mark RSCM MUSIC SUNDAY on 26<sup>th</sup> June\*, the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) has published appropriate prayers on its website for any church to use. Churches are invited to celebrate the value and importance of music in their worship, and give thanks for the work and talents of their musicians.**

As well as a celebration of music-making, RSCM Music Sunday is an initiative to raise funds, which will be split 50:50 between the work of the RSCM and the participating church. RSCM Music Sunday will be celebrated this year in churches and cathedrals in a wide range of activities ranging from summer evening concerts to 'come and sing' events. Some churches are holding special services and also using the occasion to reflect the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible, while others will be making dedicated collections during their services.

To mark Music Sunday the RSCM has published online some suggested prayers and readings, including prayers written by David Sudron (Succentor of Durham Cathedral) and a dedication for musicians by Revd Helen Bent. "We're really keen for churches to celebrate music in their worship," says Lindsay Gray, Director of the RSCM. "Singing to the glory of God is just as important in a small chapel as it is in a great cathedral, and this occasion is an opportunity to give thanks for being uplifted through joyous hymns, songs, anthems, organ music or whatever!" he said.

The prayers along with other resources and a list of events can be found on the RSCM website, [www.rscm.com/musicsunday](http://www.rscm.com/musicsunday). The RSCM has also published an anthem specially composed by Malcolm Archer for Music Sunday - *Sing we merrily* can be ordered from RSCM Music Direct online at [www.rscm.com/shop](http://www.rscm.com/shop).

\* Churches are at liberty to choose a date other than 26<sup>th</sup> June if they wish.

**Ends**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

## Notes for Editors

**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).

More information about Music Sunday can be found at [www.rscm.com/musicsunday](http://www.rscm.com/musicsunday), along with details of events registered so far. **If you wish to cover a local event in your editorial area, please contact us in the first instance – numbers below.**

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