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## **13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010: RSCM INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE MUSIC SUNDAY**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June** has been designated by the Royal School of Church Music as its *Music Sunday 2010*, to celebrate music in worship and the service of the musicians who make it. **Lindsay Gray, Director of the RSCM, invites churches to join in.**

The church year is filled with special Sundays such as *Seafarers'*, *Prisoners'* and *Education Sundays*. The RSCM believes that it is also important to celebrate the music and musicians that are a vital part of worship. This will be reflected nationally in television and radio broadcasts, but we strongly hope that churches up and down the land organise and hold their own **Music Sunday** on 13<sup>th</sup> June or a nearby date.

In a pilot project last year, St Nicholas' in Guisborough, North Yorkshire held a special service and concert of choral and light music. St Peter's Church in Peterston-super-Ely, a small village in South Wales, put on a 12-hour music marathon with 150 performers taking part. Events elsewhere have included recitals by recorder groups, folk groups, and even a hands-on demonstration of African drumming.

It's also a fund-raising initiative; hence *The 50:50 Campaign*. Peterston-super-Ely raised £1300, using their share for new choir robes, and another church made £200 which helped them to offset an unexpectedly large heating bill. The RSCM's half goes to supporting church music and training musicians through its programmes such as *Voice for Life*, which is probably being used in a church near you. Meanwhile *Church Music Skills* is catching on fast with organists, choir trainers and cantors.

Every contribution is important, so we hope you'll want to join in. It might be a barbecue, sponsored sing, or simply a collection at a service. Information, ideas, downloadable resources, and templates are on our website [www.rscm.com/musicsunday](http://www.rscm.com/musicsunday), along with suggestions for music, special readings, and prayers - or call us at 01722 424848.

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## Notes for Editors

### Music Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

This is a perfect peg for your publication to include a feature or profile of the work of the RSCM. We will be pleased to help you with more information and put you in touch with RSCM staff and affiliated organisations in your region. Further information and downloads about RSCM Music Sunday can be found at [www.rscm.com/musicunday](http://www.rscm.com/musicunday). Names of participating choirs, churches and schools will also be included. Pictures are available on request.

**The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)** is an international ecumenical charity that educates, supports and enables musicians, composers and clergy in promoting sacred music in churches, schools and the wider community. The RSCM publishes music and training resources (such as its popular *Voice for Life* training scheme for singers of all ages), and organises a wide range of courses, workshops and activities. With over 8,000 affiliates, members and friends in over 40 countries, it is supported by over 600 volunteers in area committees and a small team of staff based throughout the UK. More at [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)

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