

RSCM Celebration Day 2008, Saturday 17 May

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Annual RSCM Celebration Days are held in different cathedrals throughout the UK. In 2008 we are delighted to be the guests of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral in the year when Liverpool is named as European Capital of Culture. The service takes place on the eve of Trinity Sunday, Saturday 17 May.

Celebration Day provides an opportunity for RSCM to affirm the work of the host cathedral, members and affiliates in the North West within the context of a specially devised service. During the service, RSCM Awards will be presented by the Chairman of Council. Honorary awards are given annually for distinguished contributions to church music and recipients can be expected from all parts of the world. A list of the honorands is found in the December edition of CMQ on page 28. This will be one of the first commitments in the diary of the new RSCM Director, Mr Lindsay Gray.

Singers

All RSCM Areas in the NW are already aware of the date. We hope that singers will attend from Liverpool, Chester, Manchester, Lancashire, Cumbria, North East and North West Wales RSCM Areas.

We are not restricting the numbers of members of RSCM affiliated choirs who wish to participate, but we need to know in advance those who intend to come. Liverpool Cathedral can easily accommodate 1000 singers and sight lines are good.

Both Liverpool Anglican and Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs will participate, together with members of the RSCM Northern Cathedral Singers.

Brian Kay, RSCM Vice President, will be the conductor and the organist will be Professor Ian Tracey.

Music

All the music is printed in a specially prepared booklet, (order no. S0125), which is available to RSCM members for £3.75. This is extremely good value. Some of the music has been specially written or arranged for Celebration Day and is previously unpublished. Singers will find much of the music suitable for use later in their own churches. The booklet includes:

Te Deum - Stanford in Bb (RSCM edition)
Jubilate - Noel Rawsthorne (specially commissioned)
Be with us Holy Trinity - John Harper
Glory be to the Father - JS Bach
When we can see Christ's Glory - words Andrew Pratt; music Ian Sharp
Tell out my Soul - a new tune by John Harper
Beauty for brokenness (Graham Kendrick, newly arranged for SATB by John Barnard)
When in Our Music God is Glorified - Stanford, arranged John Wilson
Lift High the Cross - Sydney Nicholson

To purchase this, and any other music, please visit the web shop <http://www.rscm.com/shop/>

Robing

There will be no space available in the cathedral for robing. However, singers who wear robes are encouraged to wear them for the service. As it will be difficult to store bags safely, singers need to bring a bag that can be stored under their seat. They will need to keep robes with them (or wear them) during the rehearsal.

Photography

The Cathedral and RSCM will take group photographs of the event for their own records and for publicity.

Child protection

All children at the Celebration Day must be supervised by adults from their own choirs. We strongly advise that all choir trainers obtain signed parental consent forms for each child under their care, accepting responsibility for them throughout the day.

Timetable:

12.15pm	Singers assemble and are seated by 12.45pm.
1pm - 3pm	Rehearsal
4pm	Celebration Day Service (to which members of the congregation will be most welcome)
approx 5.30pm	Service ends

How to participate

Please download the attached application form and send this to RSCM Voluntary Networks in Salisbury, so that we can register your participation. It is important that this is done in advance, as we need to allocate seating and have an indication of numbers participating well before the day. Please return the application form by **1st April 2008** at the latest (preferably by post to Salisbury or as an email attachment). All those received will be acknowledged.

We do not expect to contact you again after receiving your application form. However, should we need to do so, our preferred method will be by email. However, please visit the RSCM website for further updates about the arrangements for Celebration Day.

For further information contact voluntary@rscm.com