



Voice for Life for Adults (aged 16+) Dates 2011

All meetings are held on a Friday from 4pm-5pm
in the Choir Vestry of
St Peter's, Lutton Place, EH8 9PE.

9th September
23rd September
7th October
14th October

(October Holidays)

28th October
11th November
25th November

December: No *Voice for Life* sessions

Dates 2012

13th January
27th January
10th February
24th February
9th March
30th March

(Easter Holidays)

20th April
4th May
18th May
1st June
15th June

(Please note that if unexpected circumstances occur,
some dates may unfortunately have to be
cancelled at short notice.)

Voice for Life is an educational programme for children and adults, developed by the Royal School of Church Music. As singers reach graded levels of the many facets of singing, including music theory, aural and sight-singing skills, singing technique, as well as liturgical and repertoire knowledge, they are awarded different coloured ribbons in the following order: *Voice for Life* Medal and White Ribbon, followed by Light Blue, Dark Blue, Red, and Yellow. These can be worn at services.

The above levels are internally assessed, but participants can also take the parallel RSCM awards of Bronze, Silver and Gold, which are assessed through a formal examination.

Voice for Life is often run within a participant's own church, but recognizing that some churches do not give this opportunity, these classes are open to any one who sings regularly in a church choir of any denomination, and wishes to follow the programme. The participant should however usually be RSCM affiliated, be it through their church, or as a student or individual member. Participants work through each level at their own pace.

The Vestry of St Peter's supports this training, and is providing the use of the Choir Vestry, but to cover other costs, there is a fee of £5 per session attended. (The cost of the medal [c. £6] and ribbons [c. 50p per colour], and external examinations, is not included.)

*You can start the Voice for Life programme
at any time of the year.*

Sheila Robertson is a freelance musician who held a variety of rural and city Organist/Director of Music posts within The Church of Scotland for many years before, in 2003, becoming the Organist at St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh. Here services encompass a wide variety of Anglican Liturgies including Sung Matins and Choral Evensong.

Amongst many varied activities including teaching organ, piano and music theory, she is the Education & Training Officer for RSCM Scotland, and has been running *Voice for Life* classes for Junior Choristers at St Peter's since 2006. She also runs an educational organ group, *Positif Organist*, which helps participants to develop and broaden their skills and knowledge as church organists. It is especially of benefit to those studying the organ unit of the RSCM *Church Music Skills* course.

**Voice for Life for Adults
2011-2012
Registration Form**

Name

Address

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Telephone

E-mail

Church Choir

Are you willing to let other adult *Voice for Life* participants be given your contact details?

Yes No

Are you willing to have information regarding meetings sent to you by E-mail?

Yes No

How are you affiliated to the RSCM?

Church Individual/Student Not affiliated
Member

**Please return this section to: Sheila Robertson,
18 (3F2) Polwarth Crescent, Edinburgh,
EH11 1HW**

RSCM Scotland is an educational, ecumenical and international Christian charity committed to enabling the best use of music (of whatever style, appropriate to the local situation) in worship, church life, and the wider community.

Objectives

- To support members through practical and applied programmes of education and training.
- providing training in essential skills for church music.
- developing understanding of music in the Church's ministry and worship.
- encouraging good music everywhere through fostering outreach from local churches into the community.
- engaging with young people in singing.

Aims

RSCM Scotland aims to support all the Scottish Churches in their music-making by offering encouragement, advice and training to all; and especially to enable the provision of music in church for the future.

RSCM motto

*I will sing with the spirit and with
the understanding also.*

Chorister's Prayer

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,
who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips,
we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts,
we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

More information about *Voice for Life*
can be found at www.rscm.com/education

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