

NEWS

We have had an enjoyable and successful year, meeting new people and introducing them to the joys of an RSCM France event, be it choral or instrumental. We have also benefited from the expertise of our course leaders, drawn from the best exponents of church music, who displayed their skills, humour and technique to the advantage of all. We have gained some new Affiliates among the English-speaking churches in France, and hope this will continue as more music directors experience the benefits that RSCM France can provide.

We had our first national Festival in September, generously hosted by the American Cathedral in Paris, and ably directed by Barry Rose. Sixty choristers from churches and choirs in the Paris area, plus some intrepid travellers from farther afield, prepared an Evening Prayer service based on the RSCM festival book « Thy Kingdom Come », including anthems, hymns old and new and psalms. Some of these choristers were also involved in the service of Remembrance in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris in November, organised each year by the Royal British Legion with help from RSCM France.

Our programme for 2016 is taking shape and information is given below. Our website is updated regularly, where details and booking forms for all events can be found as soon as they are available : www.rscmfrance.org.

If you would like more information about membership of RSCM France, or about our events, please contact us on rscmfrance@gmail.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Organ day course – Paris, early 2016. Details available soon.

INSTRUMENTS IN WORSHIP WORKSHOP

St Mark's church, Versailles. 19 March 2016



This will be our third such event, led by Dr Amanda Haste, for those who wish to use their instrumental skills in church services. Traditional and contemporary styles of music, guidance and practical sessions in musical direction and preparing music for a service, as well as opportunities to play with other musicians, will all be on the menu.

See website for details and booking form : www.rscmfrance.org.

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SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG – CONGREGATIONAL EVENT

St John the Evangelist church, St Raphaël. 9 April 2016

A new venture for RSCM France – a workshop aimed at those in the congregation who love to sing but cannot read music, and for churches with no choir or organist to lead them. It will include music for the Eucharist and Service of the Word, and will be led by Andrew Robinson, an organist, choirleader and music teacher from Durham who is also Chairman of RSCM Ripon and Leeds area.

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RESIDENTIAL SINGING WEEKEND

Renouveau holiday village, Roquebrune-sur-Argens, Var. 24-26 June 2016



By popular request, our fourth Residential Weekend will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Renouveau holiday village in the south east of France. Residential and non-residential places available, and non-participating guests can also be accommodated, so come and enjoy a musical weekend in the sun – pack your swimsuit and boules ! The leader this year will be Miles Quick, newly appointed RSCM Head of Congregational and Instrumental Studies. New for this year – bring your instrument as well as your voice.

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ORGAN LESSONS

Our Chairman, John Crothers, is offering organ lessons in the Paris area from near-beginners up to experienced level at €30 per hour, half of which will be donated to RSCM France. Please enquire at rscmfrance@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 04 94 50 38 46.

and finally.....

We hope to arrange a Singing Day in the Paris area in the autumn. The next Festival will be in 2017.

HOWEVER, the RSCM International Summer School takes place in Liverpool from 14-18 August 2016. This much-awaited event only takes place every three years and draws on the best of church musicians and the staff of RSCM to conduct the singing in the two wonderful cathedrals, lead seminars and workshops, and organise musical outings in the vicinity. Accommodation is in university halls of residence (en-suite !).

See www.rscm.com/learn-with-us/courses/international-summer-school-2016/ for more details.

BEST WISHES FOR 2016