

## Planning notes for a presentation about Music Sunday to your church's governing body

Below are some prompts you may find helpful in planning a presentation to your church governing body to gain support for a Music Sunday event, or making the RSCM a designated charity this year.

### What does the RSCM do and how does it seek to support worship?

- Music plays a vital role in worship and the liturgy. Many churches need and receive support from the RSCM to develop and maintain their music.
- The RSCM is an ecumenical organisation whose key focus is nurturing all church musicians.
- The RSCM provides direct support for local clergy, choir trainers and instrumentalists through courses and individual visits organised by its Head of Ministerial Training (including training courses for new clergy and lay clergy to support them in their new role in managing parish music); Head of Choral Studies and Head of Congregational and Instrumental Music. A Head of Organ Studies will be appointed in 2016.
- The RSCM delivers education programmes nationally and locally that develop the specific musical skills and knowledge for worship. Courses are led by experienced and inspiring tutors and they benefit not only individual instrumentalists, singers and clergy, but also effectively their choirs and congregations. Bursaries are available for young people who would not be able to attend otherwise. Details of the many courses run by the RSCM can be found at <http://www.rscm.com/education/index.php>

### What contribution has the RSCM made to your church and/or what contribution could it make?

Your church and parish's relationship with the RSCM is the most important reason why you are asking your church to support Music Sunday or to make the RSCM a designated charity.

The RSCM may have contributed to the music in your church in many ways – here are a few which might apply to you:

- RSCM *Sunday by Sunday* liturgy planner
- RSCM Voice for Life programme
- Bursaries for choristers
- Support from local area committees
- RSCM music publications
- Attendance at local or national courses
- Support for Organists and Music Directors
- Support from heads of music specialisms

## **Why does the RSCM need your church's support?**

- If it is to continue to fulfil its mission to achieve the best use of good music in worship, the RSCM needs charitable funding over and above membership subscriptions. The RSCM receives no central funding from the church or government.
- The RSCM education programme and associated bursary scheme are supported financially by grants, donations from affiliate churches and members, and donations and legacies from individuals. This keeps our fees as low as possible and our courses accessible.

## **Why support RSCM Music Sunday on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016?**

- raise the profile of music in worship in churches right across the country, and celebrate the important contribution of church musicians
- highlight the RSCM's work and need for funding amongst church-goers generally
- raise funds that will be shared equally between the RSCM and the host church
- Celebrate the patronage of the Queen in her 90<sup>th</sup> year

## **Music Sunday and The Patrons Lunch – a musical celebration of HM the Queen**

The RSCM has been invited to participate in **The Patron's Lunch\***, a national event marking the Queen's patronage of 600 charities and organisations – including The RSCM- on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This event falls on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and we would very much like for our supporters to be part of this nationwide celebration.

The Patron's Lunch is not only a day of celebration, but an event specifically designed to provide a fundraising opportunity for the Queen's charities and to enable them to raise their profile locally and nationally. Local organisations are also encouraged to use this day as way of raising funds for local causes.

Resources to support you in the planning a suitable musical celebration of the Queen for Music Sunday will be available on our website in the New Year. We hope that you will join with the RSCM in celebrating her un-relenting support and service.

- The specific plan for Music Sunday in my church is: .....
- The request that the RSCM be included in the PCC's list of named charities this year, and that Music Sunday should be celebrated by the church.

\* For information about The Patron's Lunch please visit their website <http://www.thepatrons-lunch.com/about-2/>