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About the RSCM

The RSCM is a charity which works to promote the best use of music in Christian worship in the UK and throughout the world – whatever the resources, whatever the style. [More](#)

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Welcome to the RSCM's email newsletter.

This Sunday is St Cecilia's Day when many people will celebrate the patron saint of musicians. 'O praise the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together', said the psalmist. Music is a wonderful way to do this.

We hope you enjoy our November issue. You'll find helpful ideas for the Advent and Christmas seasons and the latest church music news.

RSCM Music Sunday



Please join us to celebrate RSCM Music Sunday on Sunday 13 June 2010.

Music Sunday is a great way to give thanks for the gift of music and raise funds for your church or school

and the work of the RSCM.

[Visit our website for ideas and to get involved](#)

RSCM Education Programmes Manager

Are you a musician with practical skills and a passion for enabling others to fulfil their potential in the context of church music?

[See details of this full-time vacancy with the RSCM](#)
[Other vacancies and announcements](#)

[RSCM Voices sing Evensong at Norwich Cathedral](#) **15:30 on 21 November**

[BBC Radio 3 Purcell weekend 21-22 November 2009](#) –includes *The Ode to St Cecilia* broadcast from Westminster Abbey on St Cecilia's Day

[Cambridge Music Festival: Cambridge Psalms](#) **15:00 on 22 November**, St John's College, Cambridge. The Choir of Caius College sings newly commissioned psalm settings by Weir, Holloway and others.

Coming soon

[RSCM Australia Summer School](#) **3-10 January 2010**

[Church Music Skills training days](#) in partnership with the RCO. The next event is in Leeds on **6 February 2010**. **Places are filling up so be sure to book early.**

[Sarum Singing Break](#) **16-18 February 2010**, Salisbury

[Worship Central](#) events offer training in contemporary styles in Holland and London on **6 February** and **12-13 March 2010**

[Prism of Praise 4 'Worship Beyond'](#) is a day conference on worship, mission and outreach run by MWF on **13 March 2010**

We welcome feedback on our newsletter – write to marketing@rscm.com

Resources for seasonal worship



Here is a selection of links and resources for **Advent, Christmas and**

Epiphany from the RSCM and other websites...

[A new RSCM Carol Service – listen to the podcast](#)

[Seasonal suggestions from RSCM Press Articles and downloads from *Sunday by Sunday*](#)

[Together for a Season – All-Age resource from Church House Publishing](#)
[Christmas songs to download at *resoundworship.org*](#)

Music licensing laws to change

Charities in the UK are to lose their exemption from paying a licence fee for playing music. [How will this change in legislation affect churches?](#)

RSCM honorary awards



Aled Jones and John Hume are among those receiving RSCM awards in 2010 for services to church music. [Read full press release](#)

Awards will be presented at the RSCM's **Celebration Day in Durham Cathedral** on 15 May 2010. [About Celebration Day](#)

Is your choir 'unforgettable'?

PRS for Music has announced a competition to find [The Unforgettable Choir](#) – the deadline for entries is 30 December 2009.

Meanwhile **the BBC** has launched its 2010 [Choir of the Year competition](#)

Christmas gifts for church musicians



[Make a gift of RSCM membership](#)
(UK only)

The RSCM's [Voice for Life Chorister's Companion](#) – an ideal stocking filler.

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