

e-Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Our Events Programme

In this newsletter is a list of the dates of principal RSCM Devon Area events until the end of 2017. Please display this on your vestry notice board, and ensure your clergy and churchwardens are aware of the dates so that conflicting events may be avoided if possible.

Some of our events - principally the Annual Festival and the Buckfast Carol Service - require preparation, and the music is available in advance, but the majority of events do not. They are Workshops, or "Come and Sing" events which choirs or individuals can attend without disrupting the normal work of your choir. For some of these events the *list* of music to be sung is available before the event, so that individuals may source their own copies or recordings if they wish to familiarise themselves with any of the music.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

'O ALL YE WORKS OF THE LORD, BLESS YE THE LORD!

DEVON AREA FESTIVAL
Saturday 5th November 2016,
Exeter Cathedral 11am - 5pm

Conductor: Timothy Noon
Director of Music, Exeter Cathedral
Organist: Timothy Parsons
Assistant Director of Music, Exeter Cathedral

This year's festival on the **5th November** promises to be an exciting event, with a good mix of music both familiar and less well known.

We welcome Timothy Noon, *Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral*, to conduct this event, and Timothy Parsons, *Assistant Director of Music*, as organist. For both it will be their first RSCM Devon Area Festival.

The Festival also features a specially commissioned setting of *The Benedicite*¹ by *Stephen Tanner*. This has been written in memory of Malcolm Walker, who was for many years secretary of Devon Area RSCM, and died at the end of last year.

Malcolm was a meteorologist and oceanographer by profession, and had a great love of the natural world, so the words of *The Benedicite* "O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord!" are particularly appropriate.

Even if you are not able to participate in the choir for the festival, please try to attend the service at 4.00pm – and bring your clergy and congregation too. There is opportunity for congregational participation, and two of the hymns have stunning descants.

¹ *The Benedicite omnia opera*, is a canticle in the Matins service in the Book of Common Prayer which celebrates God's creation. When Matins was the principal morning service in the Church of England, this canticle was traditionally sung during Advent and Lent in place of the more joyful Te Deum.

RSCM DEVON AREA FESTIVAL

'O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord!'

Saturday 5th November

Timetable

- 11.00 am Assemble
- 11.15 am Rehearsal (S.A.'s & Trebles in the Nave / T.B.'s in Chapter House)
- 12.45 pm Lunch (own arrangements)
- 2.00 pm Rehearsal Cathedral Nave
- 3.30 pm Break for robing
- 3.50 pm Reassemble in Cathedral
- 4.00 pm Festival Service**
- 5.00 pm Estimated finish

Music to be sung

Benedicite by Stephen Tanner – specially commissioned in memory of Malcolm Walker

Angel voices ever singing

O come let us sing (Piccolo)

All creatures of our God and King (Archer)

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

For the fruits of his creation

The Lord bless you (Rutter)

Psalm 8

O the Life of the World

Thou visitest the earth (Greene)

Sisters and Brothers with one voice

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ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 26th November

Buckfast Abbey

Directed by Philip Arkwright -
Director of Music, Buckfast Abbey

Service led by the Abbot of Buckfast



The annual start to Advent and our preparation for Christmas is as usual in the wonderful and spiritual surroundings of Buckfast Abbey.

All the music for this year's service is contained in a special booklet, which will be sent out when you register.

Cost: Adults: £5, children £1

The cost includes the booklet containing the music.

Contact: Nicholas Brown, Little Pitt Cottage, Whitchurch Canonorum, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6RG, 01297 560493 nbrownpiano32@btinternet.com

[Download booking form](#)

Timetable for the day:

1.30 pm Registration and rehearsal (Schiller Hall)

3.30 pm Tea (own arrangements – The Grange will be open and expecting us)

4.30 pm Service (Abbey Church)

Please wear robes if you have them (unrobed choirs and individuals are equally welcome).

MAILING LISTS

Historically we have had separate e-mailing lists for people who have attended events, people who have asked to receive these newsletters and members and affiliates. In recent months we have tried to consolidate these, but it could be that we still have duplicates or out of date contact details.

If the details on the e-mail accompanying this newsletter are incorrect, the contact has changed or we have sent you multiple copies, please accept our apologies, and email me at colin@colinashby.co.uk

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FUTURE EVENTS

Full details will be available later.

Dates yet to be confirmed are shown in blue. For latest information visit our [website](#) or subscribe to our [calendar option](#) to receive reminders on your phone or tablet.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	INFO
Saturday, 05 November 2016 11am-5.30pm; Service 4pm	"O all ye works of the Lord" - Annual Choral Festival	Exeter Cathedral	Directed by Timothy Noon
Saturday, 26 November 2016 1.30pm - 5.30pm Service 4.30pm	Advent Carol Service	Buckfast Abbey	Directed by Philip Arkwright
Sunday, 15 January 2017 4.30-6.30pm	Come and Sing - Epiphany Procession	East Portlemouth	Directed by Chistopher Helyer
Saturday, 04 February 2017 PM	Come and Sing - Cathedral Evensong	Exeter Cathedral	Directed by Timothy Noon
Sunday, 02 April 2017	Come and Sing 'Stainer - <i>The Crucifixion</i> '	Buckfast Abbey	Directed by Philip Arkwright
Sunday, 21 May 2017 PM	Deaney mid afternoon workshop followed by service	Kingsbridge	
Sunday, 18 June 2017	RSCM Music Sunday	See the RSCM WEBSITE for details, and help planning your event.	
Sunday, 01 October 2017 PM	Deaney mid afternoon workshop followed by service	TBC	
Sunday, 15 October 2017	ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR ABOVE		
Saturday, 11 November 2017	CHORAL FESTIVAL Armistice Theme	Exeter Cathedral	
Saturday, 02 December 2017	Advent Carol Service	Buckfast Abbey	

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