

R S M
WAKEFIELD AREA
NEWSLETTER

A Carol is Not Just for Christmas: An Evening with Simon Lindley

Cawthorne Parish Church
May 12th at 7.30pm
Buffet meal served from 6.30pm

We have carols in Advent, carols at Christmas, Carols in Epiphany, but elsewhere in the calendar? You'll have to wait and see! An evening with Simon Lindley is always enjoyable and he'll have something up his sleeve, that's for sure

Not only is this a new venture for the Wakefield Area but the layout of the evening has changed. Yes, we've listened to our supporters and this time we are having a buffet tea before the event, therefore ensuring that those who dash in off the motorways after a hard days work won't have to think about food preparation, it will be there waiting for you.

Come along and enjoy what will surely be a very interesting evening.

The cost [including buffet] is £5.00 for affiliates, £6 for non-affiliates
A poster and booking form are enclosed, please feel free to photocopy and distribute to your colleagues.

Bishops and Deans [Silver & Bronze] Awards Service

June 8th
Wakefield Cathedral
Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

This is when the candidates receive their well earned and well deserved certificates. Prior to this important day the candidates will already have been to a 'Training Day' at the Cathedral on May 3rd and will also have taken the all important examination on May 10th.

During this service the Bishop will present two other certificates to Ted Johnson and Geoff Lockwood who have both given a lifetime of service to the RSCM via the Wakefield Area committee, and who, as local officers have made a significant contribution to music and liturgy at a local level.

Please put the date in your diary.

A note from Paul Dewhurst the Awards Administrator;

A reminder that it is not too late to enter girls and boys (under the age of fifteen) for the Dean's or Bishop's awards this year. These exams are administered locally and are awarded and recognised by the RSCM as being equivalent to their Bronze and Silver awards. Copies of syllabus and entry forms are available from Paul Dewhurst, 5 Regent Street, Mirfield, WF14 8NY or prdewhurst@btinternet.com
You will probably find that much of the syllabus is already being covered, simply through routine, weekly rehearsals.

Visit by John Barnard

On October 4th this year, John Barnard [writer of that superb hymn tune 'Guiting Power'] will be visiting the area to talk about the RSCM Carol Book of which he is one of the co-editors. We have also asked John to include some of his hymn tunes in his presentation, and Rev Canon John Lees and Rev Simon Reynolds have agreed to talk about music in liturgy.

Here are a couple of quotes from elsewhere in the country after similar visits by John Barnard.

Michael Stoddart (Portsmouth):

'It was a splendid evening - one of the best I can remember. Your presentation was really excellent - interesting, varied, humorous, serious and generally edifying.'

Shirley Linford (Sussex):

'You demonstrated the versatility of the publication so convincingly and enthusiastically that I feel sure more choirs in Sussex will now include the RSCM Carol Book in their Advent and Christmas services'

The Carol Book is of course photocopyable, and therefore for most churches it represents an important investment, not one to be undertaken lightly, and John will explain what the Carol Book and its accompanying CD-ROM can offer. Sample booklets will be available so that we can have a singing taster!

The day will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm and will be held at Dewsbury Minster
More details later

On the same day the Yorkshire Three Choirs Festival [choirs of Ripon and Wakefield Cathedrals and Leeds Parish Church] will be taking place at Wakefield Cathedral with evensong at 5pm followed by a concert at 7pm

Make a day of it, it's all too good to miss!

Football Tournament

And finally, in the annual **Football Tournament** held at the Richard Dunne Sports Centre in Bradford on March 8th - St. Mary's South Elmsall retained the U14 trophy and Wakefield Cathedral retained the U12 trophy

Most, or all of the above information is on the Wakefield Diocesan website and can be accessed via www.wakefield.anglican.org and typing RSCM into the 'search' box.

If you require any further information on any of these topics please don't hesitate to contact the Area Secretary, Richard Haigh on email; manygates1@blueyonder.co.uk

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