

April 2008

Dear RSCM Member/Affiliate,

Happy Easter from all on the RSCM Manchester Area Committee!  
Please find enclosed details of our up-coming events for 2008.

### **Manchester Area Festival 2008 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

*St Ann's Church, Manchester*

To accommodate for an early Easter this year, we have decided to extend the booking date for the festival, so if you haven't already done so, please fill out a form today and register your interest! The service returns to a traditional Evensong format this year, with music including Weelkes *Hosanna to the Son of David*, Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* from the Messiah, and the Sanders Responses. The format for the day is a 3pm rehearsal with Mr Tim Noon, recently appointed Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, followed by some time for refreshments (drinks provided) before the service at 6pm. The presentation of awards will be made by the Ven. Andrew Ballard, Archdeacon of Manchester and the service led by the newly appointed Rector of St Ann's, Rev Nigel Ashworth.

### **Taizé Evening – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

*St Aidan's, Rochdale*

Following receipt of several requests to host an evening exploring the liturgy and music from the Taizé Community, we are pleased to announce an evening doing exactly that. The evening will take the form of a short workshop looking at some of the music from Taizé and how it can be used in non-Taizé services followed by a short service of prayer and music following the liturgy of Taizé. Some resources will be available, free of charge, for participants to take away and use in their own parishes. No booking is necessary, simply turn up. Please display the enclosed poster on your Church Notice Board.

### **Area AGM**

This year the AGM will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008, from 7pm at St Ann's Church, Manchester, and in addition to the main business meeting, we will hold a short concert of music sung by choristers from around the Area – a change to the usual format.

### **A Change of Secretary**

It was announced at the last Committee Meeting in February that I will be leaving the Manchester region and relocating to Cambridgeshire. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you and helping to promote church music across our region through the work of the committee. I wish you the best of luck for the future. The search for the next Area Secretary is underway, and details will be announced in due course.

With best wishes,

