

COVID-19 Update

Welcome to the Southwark Area Newsletter for September 2020

The start of Autumn 2020 finds church music worldwide in an interesting situation, where many choirs have begun to meet live to rehearse and to lead services, albeit under COVID restrictions of one kind or another. For further assistance here you can find guidance at [rscm.com](https://www.rscm.com).

Area Award Examinations 2020



The Area Committee has decided to hold Awards Examinations this term, on **Saturday 14 November** at St Dunstan's Church, Cheam. We understand that the RSCM will be suspending its activities for the first part of 2021 for regional restructuring, so the usual February examinations will not take place and therefore the next opportunity would be June 2021 at the earliest.

In order to allocate resources and ensure that COVID-19 regulations are met, we are asking you to give an indication of intent if you plan to enter candidates for this session. Please contact the Awards Secretary, Mrs Fiona Izzard at Fiona.Izzard@btinternet.com before Friday 9 October in order to enable us to plan appropriately.

The closing date for formal entries will be Friday 6 November 2020:

- Up to *Friday 9 October*
Informal enquiries about November Awards Examinations
- *Friday 6 November*
Closing date for entries
- *Saturday 14 November*
Examinations at St Dunstan's Church Hall, Cheam SM3 8QH

Details of the Bronze and Silver Awards, entry requirements and payments may be found at <http://www.rscmsouthwark.org.uk/awards.shtml>

If, owing to guidelines at the time, the examinations cannot proceed, then we will advise you and any entry will be carried forward to another date.

RSCM Resources

The RSCM has a comprehensive collection of guidelines, advice and resources for church music during the continuing COVID pandemic, and you are encouraged to look at the relevant pages in the RSCM website: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/covid-19-resources-for-churches/>

For information about other useful and relevant online materials, visit <https://www.rscm.org.uk/online-resources>

New Committee Member

The Area Committee warmly welcomes a new member, **Mr Jonathan Schranz**, Director of Music at St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark.



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