



Welcome to IAN KEATLEY our new Area Chairman

Ian Keatley has recently been appointed Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral. He is responsible for the direction of the Cathedral's music, both at the daily choral services and the diocesan and national occasions which take place. He directs the men and boys of the Cathedral Choir in its programme of concerts, broadcasts, recordings and tours. Before returning to London, Ian was Organist and Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, from 2012 – 2019.

Before moving to Dublin in January 2012, Ian was Director of Music at Westminster Abbey Choir School and was previously Deputy Master of Music at the Chapels Royal, Her Majesty's Tower of London. From 2004 - 2006 he was Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey where he played at a number of royal and state occasions including the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II, broadcast live on BBC television, and state memorial services for former Prime Minister, Lord Callaghan and comedian Ronnie Barker.

Ian was Assistant Organist at Croydon Minster from 2000-2002. Whilst Organ Scholar at Southwark Cathedral from 2002 - 2004, Ian founded and directed the Cathedral Merbecke Choir which performed services, concerts and recitals for City of London livery companies. In 2004 he graduated from the Royal College of Music where he was a prize winner for organ performance. Before moving to London in 2000, Ian was a Vicar Choral at Wells Cathedral and studied singing with Ashley Stafford in Oxford.

Awards Training Day

Our training day for Bishop's and Dean's Award candidates in January was very well received by the 20 or so singers who attended. It was useful to have the opportunity and fun of singing through some of the exam material with others and to hear from the Examiners about their expectations.

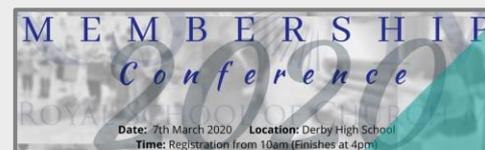
Awards Examinations for 2020

Entries for the first examination session of the year have closed.

For the June exams:

- Entries by 15 May
- Exams on 6 June

The examinations will take place at Southwark Anglican Cathedral. See the website for syllabus, details and entry forms
www.rscmsouthwark.org.uk



An exciting new venture, the **Membership Conference**, open to all RSCM members, takes place on **Saturday 7 March** at Derby High School.

Registration costs £60 and there is more information at rscm.org.uk/membership-conference-form

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