



RSCMNZ Anniversaries ahead & Invitation

The School of English Church (SECM) was founded 6 December 1927 by Dr. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (8 Feb 1875 - 30 May 1947 - buried Westminster Abbey). *We are approaching the 100th Anniversary.* Ecclesiastic meetings with Nicholson and bishopric authorities conducted at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate London UK led to the 6 December inaugural meeting with authorities in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey .

It is a charity (*no. 312828*) and is now known (from 1945) as the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). It serves as an educational charity, whose mission is to *'promote the study, practice and improvement of music in Christian worship.'* and a Ministry of Music enhancing music and liturgy for the worldwide organisation of ecumenical churches.

Nicholson was Warden of The College of St Nicholas which was the name given to the property that became the hub of the burgeoning SECM (RSCM) entity. It was located Buller's Wood, Chislehurst, in Kent (some 10 miles from London) and became the first domicile thanks to funding generosity of Mrs E. B Wright.

As circumstances developed RSCM HQ has travelled to Canterbury Cathedral, then in 1954 it moved to Addington Palace followed by a transfer (1996) to Cleveland Lodge, Dorking. **More recently (from 2006) its home is at Sarum College in Salisbury, Wiltshire, alongside Salisbury Cathedral.**



Sarum College



Salisbury Cathedral

On 16 October 2020 the Cathedral celebrated the 800th anniversary since the laying of the first cornerstone, under the care of the 1220 Bishop of Salisbury, Richard Poore. It has Britain's highest spire (404 feet). Everything about the Cathedral seems to be largest in Britain if not indeed anywhere. The close is 80 acres, the Quire Stalls are not only largest but the earliest complete set in Britain. It houses the best preserved of the four original surviving copies of the Magna Carta and has the oldest working clock (1386) in Europe. It is remarkable that construction was completed using only manual labour in 38 years, opening its doors in 1258. The large cloisters imitating the shapes and patterns of the Cathedral interior were started merely 5 years after the cathedral was finished.



The organ and the nave inside Salisbury Cathedral

In February 2024 NZ will celebrate its 90th anniversary of Auckland and Christchurch Cathedrals becoming the first in our country to enrol as Affiliates of SECM (now RSCM). This resulted from a visit to Australia and New Zealand by Sydney Nicholson (later Sir Sydney) during his northern winter, our summer season, of 1934/35. Currently in NZ there are over 100 churches, schools and personnel categorised as *Affiliates, Individuals, Honoraries, and Friends* who serve as *correspondents* on behalf of members on their rolls numbering over 100,000. RSCMNZ Inc. is a Charity (reg. CC35806) and some Branches under our umbrella are registered charities in their own right.

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Please respond to the invitation that follows, if you wish.



Invitation to join a Branch (please use this form): △
as a member of Royal School of Church Music

OR annual renewal of Branch membership: responding to i/v △

About RSCM & Benefits:

The Royal School of Church Music is a worldwide charity which promotes the study, practice & improvement of music in worship through our courses, events and annual Music Sunday celebrations. **Benefits**, based on membership category, include fellowship, personal postal copy (or online) of the Church Music Quarterly (CMQ) magazine, & Sunday by Sunday (lectionary and hymnody advice), daytime and residential workshops, (local or inter-country), opportunities to support education of members (both younger and mature) and vast music resources at discounted prices rscmshop.com

Categories: Enter AMOUNT you are paying (see below): - NB: cheques no longer operating:

Affiliate: Parishes, Schools, Secular Choirs etc.: \$ _____

NB: People on rolls are all automatically members but
Only the Affiliate pays one subscription on behalf of them
for all privileges:

Individual: You personally with full membership - all privileges: \$ _____

Friends: You personally being supportive - selected privileges: \$ _____

Alternative *Waikato Noters and Netters:

Associations: *Wellington Supporters: *NB: contact Branch treasurer for information:

Your details

(NB: if entering on-behalf-of put 'principal's' details: plus your contact info in (brackets):

Organisation:

(Church, School, Choir, etc.)

Contact Name:

(Affiliate *correspondent* OR otherwise *yours* – include title forename, surname & role if applicable)

Postal address:

(residence no. Street, Town, OR PO Box, R. D. no. etc.) (Post code)

E-mail address:

Signature:

(For *Affiliates*: signature of Vicar, Priest, Minister, Pastor, Authorised *correspondent* etc., Otherwise *yours*)

NB: Full amount payable if joining date relates to the final 3 quarters of the year: otherwise a free ride for 2 quarters; Pay in full upon receipt of invoice for the ensuing year's membership;

NB: Please attach screenshot (clip, snip) if direct crediting etc., online; email to your Branch treasurer: Likewise add required information on the bank receipt if paying in person at a bank branch;

I.E.: *Particulars*: Subs YYYY; *Code*: Affiliate or personal name; *Ref.*: Category (A, L, F) + i/v # if known;

NB: Branch bank a/c numbers are:

Auckland:	(ASB) 12-3053-0554377-000	EOY 31 Dec
	A ffiliate: \$80 I ndividual \$75	F riend \$55
	aucklandtreasurer@rscmnz.org.nz	021 173 0891
Waikato	(ANZ) 06-0317-0036829-00	EOY 28/29 Feb
	A ffiliate: \$95 I ndividual \$80	F riend \$65
	waikatotreasurer@rscmnz.org.nz	021 135 9904
Wellington	(BNZ): 02-0500-0236837-000	EOY 31 Dec
	A ffiliate: \$110 I ndividual \$90	F riend \$70
	wellingtontreasurer@rscmnz.org.nz	04 388 8804
Canterbury	(BNZ) 02-0842-0073804-000	EOY 31 Dec
	A ffiliate: \$100 I ndividual \$90	F riend \$75
	canterburytreasurer@rscmnz.org.nz	021 038 6617
Otago & Southland	(ANZ) 01-0902-0109988-00	EOY 31 Dec
	A ffiliate: \$85 I ndividual \$70	
	otagosouthlandtreasurer@rscmnz.org.nz	021 249 8206

NB: information valid before &/or onwards from 1 Jan 2021 (ufn)

