

***RSCM Cathedral Singers***  
***(Midlands and South West)***

**Director David Ogden**

- **Do you love singing and enjoy learning new music ?**
- **Would you enjoy singing Choral Evensong in the Cathedrals, Abbeys and great churches of our region ?**
- **Do you have at least 5 free Saturdays during the year ?**

If for you **or anyone in your choir**, both **adult or junior**, the answer to these questions is yes, then you or they might consider becoming a member of the *RSCM Midlands & South West Cathedral Singers (MSWCS)*, a choir of a high standard, which sings in cathedrals, abbeys and major parish churches when the resident choir is absent.

*MSWCS* sings about a dozen times a year in the area bordered by the cathedrals of Truro, Salisbury, Lichfield and Brecon. At the beginning of each season (which corresponds to the academic year) you elect which singing days you wish to attend. Choir members are usually expected to sing a minimum of 5 times in a year. There is no maximum limit set on attendance. You buy **and learn** the music in advance and then meet on the day to rehearse. A normal timetable would follow this pattern – 11.00 am juniors rehearse in the cathedral song school and at 12.00 noon the ATB singers join them. After lunch there is a further rehearsal in the song school before robing and rehearsing in the cathedral choir stalls prior to singing Evensong.

Within the *MSWCS* there are two groups, a choir of girls and boys with adult ATB support and a Chamber Choir for those over 16 (this includes adult sopranos). Each year the Chamber Choir usually has one weekend where they sing all the Saturday and Sunday services at a major Cathedral.

All singers are auditioned by the musical director, with a higher standard expected for the chamber choir. The audition consists of singing a prepared piece and a prepared psalm together with a short sight reading test. Young choristers must be at least 11 years old and hold an RSCM Silver (Bishop's) Award or higher. Membership of all RSCM Cathedral Singers choirs is reserved exclusively for regular members of RSCM affiliated choirs or RSCM Personal Members.

For further information about *MSWCS* and/or **application forms**, please either

- visit the RSCM website <http://www.rscm-bristol-swindon.co.uk/mswcs.html>
- or ring Janet or John Henderson on 01793 525856.

Please show this to any singers that you think might be interested, and we look forward to welcoming new members to our 2005/2006 season.