

Awards in 2016

The Dean's and Bishop's awards are validated by the RSCM at the Bronze standard (Dean's Award) and Silver standard (Bishop's Award). Candidates for the Bishop's Award should previously have passed the Dean's Award (or any other Award validated by the RSCM at Bronze level).

Successful candidates are entitled to wear the appropriate Award medallion.

Results of the Awards are sent to the person entering the candidates as soon as practical after the examination session and will be posted on the Diocesan website shortly afterwards and published in the RSCM 'Church Music Quarterly'.

The awards are open to choristers of all ages and denominations who are members of either Anglican Churches in the Diocese of Salisbury or choirs affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (Wessex Area), and the syllabi have been carefully compiled with this in mind.

There is one change to the entry requirements, the formal requirement under section D for candidates to have attended a 'day of special music making' is deleted, see the Regulations section 25.

Examination Arrangements for 2016

Examinations will take place on:

Saturday 13 February (am only) in Salisbury entries must be received by **Saturday 9 January 2016**

Saturday 14 May (time and venue to be confirmed) entries must be received by **Saturday 16 April 2016**

Saturday 15 October (time and venue to be confirmed) entries must be received by **Saturday 10 September 2016**

If a church has a minimum of four candidates ready for examination as 'special visit' may be requested and the Awards Secretary will attempt to organise a visit.

Please contact the Awards Secretary for internet banking payment details if you don't already have them (they are the same as for internet payments for festival books). Electronic entries and payment are preferred.

Examination sessions are not 'stewarded' so under-18 Candidates must be supervised by a parent, church CRB cleared person or person authorized by a parent. If parents supervise their own children no paperwork is needed! If a church CRB cleared person supervises candidate[s] then the form in the syllabus booklet needs to be completed, if a parent authorizes someone else (for example another parent) to supervise their child then the 'Parental Authority' form from the website should be completed. Candidates should hand this paperwork to one of the examiners at the examination session.

Examination fees for 2016 will be £32.50 for the Dean's Award and £37.50 for the Bishop's Award

Medallions for successful candidates cost £22.50 (plus postage where appropriate) for both awards. *Please ensure that entry letters have the correct postage paid in line with the Post Office pricing guidelines. A C4 envelope which takes A4 unfolded is a LARGE LETTER*

All entries must be sent to:

SDCFG Awards Secretary, 1 Redgrave Close, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 0HW

email: awards.sdcfg@salisbury.anglican.org