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Dear CMS Member,

It gives me great pleasure to enclose the Society's latest two publications. Our General Editor, Dr Geoffrey Webber has produced the first published edition/reconstruction of the *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in F* by Purcell's and Blow's highly gifted contemporary, Daniel Roseingrave: an attractive alternative to the familiar setting by Michael Wise in E flat and in a similar 'step tripla' style. And the two celebrated 8-voice madrigals of Robert Lucas Pearsall, 'Great God of Love' and 'Lay a garland' are adapted to the great hymn texts, *O salutaris Hostia & Tantum ergo*. The Eucharistic texts beautifully match the rich textures and harmony of the originals.



In February, the Society, together with the rest of the English musical community, in church and beyond, mourned the death on 25 February of our Vice-President, and long-serving Secretary from 1991 to 2023, Dr Simon Lindley. Tributes in the press, on social media and online, including on our own website, rightly recorded not just Simon's immense musical gifts, but also his breadth of denominational outlook and knowledge, his energy, generosity, genius for friendship, and his greatness of heart. His funeral and interment at St John's, Moor Allerton and Memorial Requiem in Leeds Minster two days later were attended by very large numbers, including officers, trustees and members of the CMS.

At the Society's AGM, to be held in St Wilfrid's Hall at the London Oratory on Saturday, 4th October at 4.00pm, our Vice-President and former Chairman, Ian Curror, has kindly agreed to present an appreciation and personal reminiscences of Simon.

Finally, members will receive a letter in the next month or so, detailing changes as to how we communicate with you, both with regard to music mailings, and also to exploit the reduced costs and increased efficiency of email. This letter will require action from you. I earnestly ask members to respond to it promptly with the information requested.

With kind regards,



Professor Patrick Russill
Chairman