

Composer's Forum

The DCMA also encourages composers within our own diocese to come and share their compositions with other parish musicians. We held a very enjoyable Composers' Forum on 23rd January 2016 when parish musicians from across the Diocese came to meet each other and share their music. Mass parts, Psalms, Antiphons and songs of a spiritual nature were introduced by their composers. These were all enthusiastically received and many people found music that would be suitable for use in their own parish. Alison Purvis, chair of the DCMA, also shared Gospel Acclamations by the late Ken Simmons, a long-time supporter of the DCMA and organist at various churches in the Diocese.



Alison comments,

"Some parishes in the Diocese are fortunate enough to have the resources for 4-part choirs and organ accompaniment; others may have a guitarist or a keyboard player and perhaps a flute or two. What was clear from the afternoon's forum was that parish musicians are making huge efforts to help lead the worship in their parishes by composing music which suits their own resources. It was so stimulating to hear a great variety of new music and to know that such talent and generosity exists right here among us. The DCMA will do all it can to encourage and support parish musicians in this vital ministry".