



### **KEVIN WILLIAMS**

Kevin is President of the South African Division of the Royal School of Church Music (of which he was made as Associate at a special service in Coventry Cathedral in 2003). He has represented South Africa at various RSCM events in the National Cathedral, Washington DC, the Royal Albert Hall, London, Durham, York and last year in Canterbury. He is also South African coordinator for the Guild of Church Musicians.

Kevin is an Associate, Licentiate and Fellow of Trinity College, London and was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1983 at the age of 26. In 1990 he was awarded the Archbishops' Certificate in Church Music under the signatures of the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury and the Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. In 2007, he undertook a course in English Literature with Oxford University, purely for his own enjoyment.

People that meet him don't always realise that this profession was that of a military officer. He held the rank of Colonel within the South African National Defence Force, an organisation which he has served for over 30 years. As Director Ceremonial, Military Music and Honours & Awards meant that he was responsible for SANDF involvement in all great events of state, such as the Opening of Parliament, the Inauguration of the President, the Receiving of Foreign Heads of State and Government and the accreditation of Ambassadors and High Commissioners, to name but a few.

His military awards include the Southern Cross Decoration and Medal as well as the Military Merit Medal. His involvement with the Order of St John resulted in him being admitted to the Order by Queen Elizabeth in 2005 and promoted to an Officer within the Order in 2007.

Kevin has been senior organist and choir master of the Bedfordview Methodist Church for the past 35 years.

Kevin has also been an active member of the Southern African Manx Association, especially in the promotion and researching of traditional Manx music. Last year he was elected as President of the Association.