

Nomination for Dr Simon Lindley to receive the Leeds Award

September 2016 marks the 175th Anniversary of the dedication of the church building now designated Leeds Minster.

To mark the anniversary we are also holding a service of celebration on **Saturday, 3rd September 2016 at 4pm**. The service will also be the occasion when we shall be thanking Dr Simon Lindley for his distinguished service as Master of Music at LPC/the Minster.

Simon has been Master of Music at the Minster since 1975. He has fulfilled that office with great distinction and all of us at the Minster owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all he has done to inspire and develop music-making throughout the City of Leeds for over four decades. Simon will become Organist Emeritus; his roles as City Organist and as Director of the St. Peter's Singers are unaffected by his retirement from the Minster.

I understand 2016 will also be Simon's 40th Year as Leeds City Organist. I was hoping that you might consider Dr Lindley as a candidate for **The Leeds Award** honouring the immense contribution Simon has made to music in Leeds, the West Riding, nationally and internationally? I believe it would be a great shame if we arrived at Simon's retirement on 3 September and his unstinting dedication wasn't recognised by his adopted city.

Mr David Hawkin
Choir of Leeds Minster