

The Organ Club Newsletter

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LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

IN
ST MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

Monday 7 March, 1pm
JONATHAN RENNERT
(lunchtime recital no 464)

BACH <i>Komm, heiliger Geist</i> , BWV 651	6
MULET <i>Rosace</i>	6
ELGAR, arr Martin <i>Imperial March</i>	5
IRELAND <i>Elegiac Romance</i>	9
BERKELEY <i>Wild Bells</i>	6
FARRINGTON <i>Bluesday</i>	5
BACH <i>Passacaglia in c</i> , BWV 582	14

Monday 14 March, 1pm
MAKOTO JAMES

(Assistant, St Michael's, Cornhill)

BACH <i>Aus tiefer Not schrei ich</i> , BWV 686	6
BRAHMS 11 <i>Chorale Preludes</i> , op 122	31
MENDELSSOHN <i>Sonata 3 in A (2 mm)</i>	11

Monday 21 March, 1pm
MICHAEL KOENIG
(St Paul's, Knightsbridge)
celebrates J S Bach's birthday with the
first of two all-Bach programmes

<i>Fantasia & Fugue in g</i> , BWV 542	14
<i>O Mensch, bewein</i> , BWV 622	6
<i>Partita, Sei gegrüßet</i> , BWV 768	19
'Dorian' <i>Toccata & Fugue</i> , BWV 538	14

Monday 28 March, 1pm
BENJAMIN NEWLOVE
(St Alfege, Greenwich) plays the second
of two all-Bach programmes

<i>Prelude & Fugue in f</i> , BWV 534	9
<i>Jesus Christus, unser Heiland</i> (two Chorale Preludes, BWV 665 & 666)	8
<i>Concerto in a</i> , BWV 593 (arranged by Bach from Vivaldi's op 3, no 8 <i>Concerto for</i> 2 violins, strings and continuo)	12
<i>O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig</i> (two Choral Preludes, BWV 656 & 618)	11
'Great' <i>Prelude & Fugue in a</i> , BWV 543	11

The recital on Monday 4 April will be given
by Jeremiah Stephenson.

Monday 21 February, 1pm
BENJAMIN COLLYER
(Organ Scholar, St Paul's Cathedral)

MENDELSSOHN <i>Sonata 4 in B flat</i>	15
POTT <i>Improvisation on Slane</i>	7
DURUFLE <i>Sicilienne</i>	7
ALAIN <i>Aria - Chorale Dorian</i>	11
BACH <i>Prelude & Fugue in C</i> , BWV 547	8

Monday 28 February, 1pm
CHARLES ANDREWS
(Liturgical Organist, The Temple
Church)

BACH <i>Pièce d'orgue</i> . BWV 572	9
BACH <i>Fantasia in c</i> , BWV 562	5
BACH <i>Fugue in E flat</i> , BWV 552 (<i>St Anne</i>)	9
THALBEN-BALL <i>Elegy</i>	5
WALFORD DAVIES <i>Interlude in C</i>	5
WALFORD DAVIES <i>Jesu dulcis memoria</i>	4
STANFORD <i>Fantasia & Toccata</i>	10

These weekly recitals have been taking
place since 1914. (Even during the
recent lockdowns, they continued
online.) However, they run on a
shoestring. Donations in the
collection plate are essential if the
recitals are to continue. Please be
generous.

1. NOTICES

We are sad to have to report that, owing to the illness of the organiser Don Roworth, the trip to **Isle of Man**, planned for September this year, has had to be cancelled. We wish Don a speedy recovery.

We have our **AGM on March 19th at St Michael Cornhill**, preceded by an organ recital given by Simon Hogan (Organist at St Bartholomew the Great, London, Organist to the Cathedral Singers of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and freelance recitalist, accompanist, and choral director). Details are given in section 2 below. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Our April visit (23rd) is a very exciting visit to **Chesterfield, Derbyshire**, put together by John Varney. Full details are given in section 2 below.

Most of us have accessed the excellent website organrecitals.com over the years, but if you click on the link, you are greeted with the notice "PLEASE NOTE: organrecitals.com is no longer maintained. This means new concerts will not be added and existing ones cannot be edited. The site will remain online for the time being".

You can also read a short farewell letter from the webmaster, Steven Smith. On behalf of members, I should like to thank Steve for his endeavours - you will be greatly missed!!

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2022 Membership reminder

The November 2021 Newsletter gave details of the rates. The renewal form was issued as the back but one page of the January 2022 Newsletter. **The renewal date was 1st January**. There is no need to complete and return the form if you have not changed your contact details during the past year.

YOUNG Members – you tend to move location more frequently so please do check we have your **CURRENT** postal address, and e-mail.

RENEWALS – if you can pay direct to the bank that helps – your surname and post code is required for identification. Ordinary members £30 UK, £40 non-UK, Young members £12, Non-UK Young members £22.

*** Visit the Club's website: www.organclub.org

*** Follow the Club on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheOrganClub

Please see the form with the January Newsletter – if you cannot find your form - please look at the January Newsletter on the Club’s website. Cheques are accepted, but may take longer to clear as locally we lack any local Barclays bank and the even the post offices now are few and far between.

Thank you to all those who have renewed so far.

My contact details are shown on page 3 of each Journal; my e-mail for ALL correspondence is markmdjameson@btinternet.com; landline is **01189 344212** and text messages (NOT e-mail) can be sent to my mobile 07802 715634.

Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)

Special Organ Recital at Southwark Cathedral – free tickets!

Ben Comeau **Ben Bloor** **Richard Gowers** **Andrew Forbes**

Alexander Hamilton **Mona Rozdestvenskyte**

Sebastian Heindl **Johannes Krahn** **Ivan Bogdan Reincke** **Laura Schlappa**

10 Northern Ireland International Organ Competition First Prize Winners

The Northern Ireland International Organ Competition (NIIOC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special organ recital on Monday March 28th at 19:30 at Southwark Cathedral, for which 40 free tickets have been generously offered. The evening will be introduced by the BBC presenter of the Radio 3 programme *In Tune*, and features all the 10 first prize winners from 2011 to 2020.

St Giles-in-the-Fields, 60 St Giles High Street, London, WC2H 8LG
 Mar 18th 13:15 Andrew Benson-Wilson, organ, & Poppy Walshaw, cello
 This is a special concert for international *Early Music Day*, an annual celebration of early music that takes place on or near Bach’s birthday (21st March).
 Admission free / retiring collection

St. Alphage

Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex. HA8 0DN

SATURDAY ORGAN RECITALS 2022

Organ built 2002 by B.C. Shepherd & Sons incorporating Father Willis pipes from 1857



	At 7.30pm (*except 7th May at 3.00pm)	Admission £10
2nd April	FRANCESCA MASSEY	(Concert Organist)
*7th May	ROSEMARY EVANS	(St. Alphage) <u>at 3.00pm</u>
2nd July	JAMES PAGET	(St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)
3rd September	D'ARCY TRINKWON	(International Recitalist)

2022

95th Anniversary of St. Alphage Church
95th Anniversary of B.C. Shepherd & Sons

St George's, Hanover Square, St George's Street, London W1S 1FX

Mar 22nd 13:10 Christopher Holman (Oxford)
Mar 29th 13:10 Callum Alger (St Peter's, Wolverhampton)
Apr 19th 13:10 Charles Wooler (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Apr 26th 13:10 Mark Brafield (Dorking)
May 10th 13:10 Claire Innes-Hopkins (University of St Andrews)
May 17th 13:10 Ashley Wagner (Birmingham Cathedral)
May 24th 13:10 Hilary Punnett (Chelmsford Cathedral)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, Mayfair, London W1K 2PA

Mar 8th 13:10 Luke Mitchell (The Queen's College, Oxford)
Mar 15th 13:10 Benjamin Mills (Royal Academy of Music)
Apr 5th 13:10 Timothy Wakerell (London)
Apr 12th 13:10 Grosvenor Chapel Choir, Richard Hobson - director and organist
May 3rd 13:10 Dónal McCann (New College, Oxford)
May 31st 13:10 Alexander Hamilton (Wells Cathedral)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Welsh Church of Central London, Eastcastle Street, W1W 8DJ

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Mar 16th 13:05 Bethany Reeves (Christ Church, East Sheen)
Apr 20th 13:05 Edward Kemp-Luck (London)
May 18th 13:05 Hugh Crook (St Mary's Mortlake)
Jun 15th 13:05 Tom Daggett (St Paul's Cathedral)
Jul 20th 13:05 Oliver MacFarlane (Guildford)
Aug 17th 13:05 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)
Admission free / retiring collection

St John the Evangelist RC Church, Duncan Terrace, Islington, N1 8AL

Organ by Walker 1963

May 28th 19:30 Anne Page (Cambridge)
Jun 25th 19:30 Jane Parker Smith Memorial Recital
Performers: Gerard Brooks, David Gammie,
Adrian Gunning, Eleni Keventsidou, Ourania Gassiou,
Marjorie Bruce, D'Arcy Trinkwon
Jul 30th 19:30 Peter Wright (London)
Sep 24th 19:30 David Titterington (Royal Academy of Music)
Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

Those attending can expect a feast of music, including:

- Jehan Alain: Litanies
- William Albright: Tango fantastico
- Bach (arr. Dupré): Sinfonia from Cantata No.29 – "Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir", BWV 29
- Nadia Boulanger: Prélude in F minor
- Dupré: Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op. 7
- Thierry Escaich: Vers l'espérance
- Franck: Cantabile
- Patrick Gowers: Toccata
- Mendelssohn (arr. WT Best): Ouverture to "St. Paul"
- Akira Nishimura: Vision in Flames
- Saint-Saens (arr. Horowitz): Le danse macabre, Op. 40
- Billy Strayhorn (arr. Ben Comeau): Lotus Blossom
- Fats Waller (arr. Ben Comeau): Jitterbug Walter

This promises to be a stunning event – please email John Miley (former Club President) at cegb36@gmail.com for tickets.

Richard Gowers, senior prize-winner in 2013, will also give a solo lunchtime recital in Southwark Cathedral at 13.15 on the same day, 28 March, which will include the premiere of a work by Grace-Evangeline Mason, specially composed for NIIOC and the Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland. It is dedicated to all those touched by the Northern Ireland Troubles.

Memorial Concert for organ builder John Budgen

On Thursday April 21st at 13:10, the organ builder John Budgen will be commemorated in a concert at St Margaret Lothbury, near the Bank of England in the City of London. The organists will be Margaret Phillips and Richard Townend. The organ, originally built by George Pike England in 1801, was reconstructed in 1984 (II/22) by Bishop & Son under John Budgen's leadership.

May 2022 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by April 16th at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at newsletter@organclub.org.

2. CLUB MEETINGS

Saturday March 12th 2022: St Stephen and St Agnes Church, Vansittart Road, Windsor SL4 5EA

Organ Club members are welcome to join the Berkshire Organists Association on a visit to St Stephen and St Agnes Church at **14:30**.

Please inform John Halsey of your intention to come, and to reserve a parking place at the church. A negative Lateral Flow Test result must be provided.

The Walker organ in this church was rebuilt by Peter Collins at the time he was seriously ill - it has now been re-rebuilt by **Geoffrey Coffin** who is going to be there to talk about the organ. After there will be the opportunity to play the instrument, and tea will be provided.

Costs: a collection bowl for a donation please.

Bookings: Please contact John Halsey to book at jphalsey@btinternet.com (preferred) or 07824 344044, and to reserve a parking place at the church if required.

The church is located at the north end of Vansittart Road, just off Arthur Road, which is the first exit towards Windsor from the A332 Eton Relief Road which leads directly from the M4.

Saturday March 19th 2022: AGM at St Michael Cornhill, St Michael's Alley, London, EC3V 9DS

Members will receive the AGM documentation at the beginning of March. The timetable is as follows:

14:00 Organ recital given by Simon Hogan

15:00 AGM

15:45 (approx.) Refreshments and opportunity for members to socialise.

At the 2022 AGM, we have vacancies for a General Secretary, an Archivist, and three elected committee members. If you would be interested in standing for any of these positions, please contact John Henderson, treasurer@organclub.org.

To stand for election for any of the above, confirmation of willingness to stand in writing must be delivered to the Treasurer, along with the support of two other club members. This can be in electronic or hard copy format, to treasurer@organclub.org or 5 Rosehart Mews, London, W11 3JN.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, EC4N 7BA
Tuesdays at 12:30 Ian Shaw (St Mary Abchurch)
Admission free – refreshments available

Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, SW1H 9NH
Mar 27th 15:00 Andrew Furniss (Central Hall, Westminster)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 1pm

Mar 7th 13:00 Organ Students from The Royal Academy of Music

May 9th 13:00 Graham Barber

Jul 4th 13:00 Eton College Student

Admission: tickets £5 online, £6 card only at the door.

Ring 01189 960 6060 to book, or online at READING ARTS, or quick link: <https://whatsonreading.com/venues/concert-hall/whats-on/lunchtime-organ-recital-january-2022>

Evening recital celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Berkshire Organists' Association on Thursday April 28th 2022:

18:30 Daniel Moulton talks about the English Organ DVD and his work with Fugue State Films

19:30 Music by J S Bach, Samuel Wesley, Elgar, Widor, Liszt and Franck

Tickets: £12.50 adults, £6 U18s

NB: London area members - remember using the TFL service from London Paddington your senior TFL pass allows you travel on the CROSSRAIL service (almost all stations) and takes around an hour - but it's **FREE!**

St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5HG

Mar 10th 13:10 Chris Totney (Director of Church & Community Music, Fulbourn, Cambridge)

Admission free (retiring collection)

St John the Evangelist, Sylvan Road, SE19, 2RX

Apr 21st 19:30 Jonathan Scott

May 19th 19:30 Ian Shaw

Jun 23rd 19:30 Norman Harper

Admission free (retiring collection)

Saturday February 18th 2023: Stowe School and Stony Stratford

Saturday March 18th 2023: AGM

Details nearer the time, but please note the date!

May 2023: Mini-tour – Devon, including Buckfast Abbey

This tour (which will also include a trip on a steam railway) is provisional at this time.

Saturday June 17th 2023: walking tour - “Lower” Windsor parish churches.

Further details will be published nearer to the date.

September 2023: Birmingham tour

This is just to give you a flavour of the wide scope of this very exciting tour.

We hope to visit at least the following churches etc.

- St. Philip’s Cathedral*
- St. Martin’s in the Bull Ring
- St. Chad’s RC Cathedral
- St. Alban’s Conybere Street*
- Birmingham Town Hall
- Symphony Hall
- Birmingham Conservatory (with Master Class led by Daniel Moulton)

and outside city:

- St. Michael Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield
- Emmanuel, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield
- Solihull School Chapel
- St Alphege, Solihull
- St Margaret’s Olton

* Dr. Roy Massey MBE, our Vice President, is a former Organist here

Other possibilities further afield:

- Lichfield Cathedral
- Coventry Cathedral
- St. Mary’s Collegiate Church, Warwick

Further details nearer the time.

Saturday April 23rd 2022: visit to Chesterfield & district

We shall visit four churches in and around Chesterfield, Derbyshire, in what promises to be a very inspiring visit.

10:00 Meet at **Chesterfield Rail Station** for a prompt departure by coach to Clowne.

10:30 St. John the Baptist, Clowne, (a former mining village).

The organiser, John Varney, was baptised there, and it is where his parents are buried. [Coach 11:45](#)

12:00 St. James the Greater, Barlborough, village near Clowne and under the same Rector.

13:00 Lunch: group booking at *De Rodes Arms* Restaurant, situated by the church in Barlborough. A room has been reserved for us, and we will partake of the [Carvery Menu](#) for which the very reasonable costs are £7.29, or just £4.99 for the smaller size. To quote “*From picking your favourite freshly carved, slow-cooked meats to loading your plate with unlimited vegetables, potatoes, sauces and gravy, at De Rodes Arms, we’ve got all the ingredients for your perfect carvery!*”. Drinks and extras can be purchased at the time. Vegetarian/Vegan meals will be available.

Please note that there very few alternatives for lunch nearby. [Coach 14:00](#)

14:30 St John Baptist, Dronfield, again a major church and fine organ. John was once offered the post of Organist here, but unfortunately was not able to take it up. [Coach 16:00](#)

16:15 St Mary & All Saints, Chesterfield Parish Church,



(with the crooked spire!)

This is a major church with a superb 4-manual organ by Lewis, and a very strong musical tradition.

18:00 (latest) end of visit

Visit fee: £30

Bookings: to John Varney at jvarneyguildford@icloud.com or telephone 01483 574326 by Saturday April 9th, stating whether the participants require the lunch at the De Rodes Arms, and if so, whether the **Carvery menu** is wanted, or whether choices from other menus will be wanted.

Cost of meals to be paid directly to the De Rodes Arms.

Menu link:

https://www.stonehouserestaurants.co.uk/nationalsearch/eastandwestmidlands/derodesarmschesterfield/foodanddrink?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb-menu

Travel:

07:32 train from London St Pancras, calling at Leicester 08:35, Derby 09:08, arrives Chesterfield Station 09:30;

08:02 train from London St Pancras, calling at Leicester 09:05, Derby 09:26, arrives Chesterfield Station 09:45;

Return:

18:12 train from Chesterfield Station, calling at Derby 18:30, Loughborough 18:51, Leicester 19:02, arrives St Pancras 20:07

18:48 train from Chesterfield Station, calling at Derby 19:07, Leicester 19:29, arrives St Pancras 20:38.

A coach will be provided for transport from Chesterfield Station to St John's Clowne and thereafter to the other churches in the visit, but attendees must make their own way back to the station at the conclusion of the visit.

Visit organised by John Varney

Saturday May 21st 2022: visit to Guildford, including Cathedral

We shall visit the Cathedral (11:00); 2021 to 2022 sees the 60th anniversary celebrations of the consecration of the Cathedral. On the day of our visit the celebrations reach a climax with a major concert in the evening given by the Cathedral Choir including special commissions, which is why we have to visit in the morning. Members may wish to return to the Cathedral for the Diamond Anniversary Concert.

After lunch, we visit Holy Trinity Church (14:00 – 15:30), top of the High Street - this church acted as the pro-cathedral when the Diocese of Guildford was established.

Finally, we visit St. Mary's Church, West Horsley, with its wonderful Frobenius organ, only one or two others in the country.

Details nearer the time.

Visit organised by John Varney

In the Pipeline

The following visits are planned; full details will be given nearer to the time. Please note them in your diary! (Though please bear in mind that these could be **subject to change**, particularly in view of the Covid-19 pandemic).

Saturday June 18th 2022: London Organ Day

Saturday July 16th 2022: Gorleston/Lowestoft

(Originally scheduled for July 18th 2020).

We shall be visiting the following churches:

10:45: St Andrew's P.C. Gorleston, Church Road NR31 6LR

3 manual N&B 1904, originally in St John's Lowestoft before being dismantled and taken to Norwich R.C. Cathedral where it was never erected but was sold on to St Andrew's Gorleston and installed there in 1979 by Wood Wordsworth.

Gt 11, Sw 13, Pos 6, Ped 10

12:30: St John the Baptist, Church Lane, Lound, NR32 5LR

2 Manual H&H of 1913, recently overhauled by Boggis of Diss for which our president, Paul Hale, was advisor and who will talk about the recent works. Gt 6, Sw 6, Ped 3

14:30: Our Lady Star of the Seas, Lowestoft, Gordon Road NR32 1NL

3 manual N&B 1900 untouched.

Gt 7, Sw 8, Ch 4, Ped 2

17:00: St Peter and St John P.C. Kirkley, Rectory Road, NR33 0ED

2 manual Brindley and Foster 1881 enlarged to 4 manuals in the 1890s by N&B.

Gt 10, Sw 9, Ch 6, Solo 6, Ped 4

Saturday August 20th 2022: To be advised

September 2022: Isle of Man Tour

This tour has unfortunately been cancelled, as noted above.

Saturday October 15th 2022: Fotheringhay

Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley & Abingdon

Wednesday December 28th & Thursday 29th 2022: The London Organ Competition

Further details will be published nearer to the date.