

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 (23<sup>rd</sup>) 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](http://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over the years, but if you click on the link, you are greeted with the notice "*PLEASE NOTE: organrecitals.com is no longer maintained.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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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!



The Northern Ireland International Organ Competition (NIIOC) is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special organ recital on Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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): Overture 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at [newsletter@organclub.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@organclub.org) or 5 Rosehart Mews, London, W11 3JN.

## Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](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 21<sup>st</sup> 2022: visit to Guildford, including Cathedral**

We shall visit the Cathedral (11:00); 2021 to 2022 sees the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 2022: London Organ Day**

#### **Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2022: Gorleston/Lowestoft**

(Originally scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 2022: To be advised**

#### **September 2022: Isle of Man Tour**

This tour has unfortunately been cancelled, as noted above.

### **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022: Fotheringhay**

### **Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2022: Radley & Abingdon**

### **Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 2022: The London Organ Competition**

Further details will be published nearer to the date.

## **Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: Stow School and Stony Stratford**

## **Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Organ Students from The Royal Academy of Music

May 9<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Graham Barber

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Berkshire Organists' Association on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Chris Totney (Director of Church & Community Music, Fulbourn, Cambridge)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 19:30 Jonathan Scott

May 19<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Ian Shaw

Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> 19:30 Norman Harper

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

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

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

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

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

### Glyn Lang Memorial Series

- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Bethany Reeves (Christ Church, East Sheen)  
Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Edward Kemp-Luck (London)  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Hugh Crook (St Mary's Mortlake)  
Jun 15<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Tom Daggett (St Paul's Cathedral)  
Jul 20<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Oliver MacFarlane (Guildford)  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Anne Page (Cambridge)  
Jun 25<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Jane Parker Smith Memorial Recital  
Performers: Gerard Brooks, David Gammie,  
Adrian Gunning, Eleni Keventsidou, Ourania Gassiou,  
Marjorie Bruce, D'Arcy Trinkwon  
Jul 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Peter Wright (London)  
Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 19:30 David Titterington (Royal Academy of Music)  
Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

**St Giles-in-the-Fields, 60 St Giles High Street, London, WC2H 8LG**

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 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 (21<sup>st</sup> 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) at 3.00pm

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**



# LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

IN  
ST MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

**Monday 21 February, 1pm**

**BENJAMIN COLLYER**  
(Organ Scholar, St Paul's Cathedral)

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

**Monday 28 February, 1pm**

**CHARLES ANDREWS**  
(Liturgical Organist, The Temple Church)

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

**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 Imperial March	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 Chorale Preludes, op 122	31
MENDELSSOHN Sonata 3 in A (2 mm)	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

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

**Monday 28 March, 1pm**

**BENJAMIN NEWLOVE**  
(St Alfege, Greenwich) plays the second of two all-Bach programmes

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

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

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