

The Organ Club Newsletter

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1. NOTICES

Firstly, we welcome **John Varney** as our new President, and express our thanks and gratitude to past president Paul Hale, for his wise and energetic direction over the last three years!

By the time you read this, our first tour of the year, to South Devon including Buckfast Abbey, will be but a few days away! This will be a splendid experience for all taking part, and all thanks to the organiser, Eric Shepherd, for making it all happen.

Our second tour this year will be to the Isle of Wight, September 12th (PM) to 16th (after breakfast) – see section 2 of this newsletter for further details.

2024 Membership Renewals and Contact Information

Members are reminded that the renewal date for subscriptions was the **first working day of January**. We are still waiting to hear from **35** ordinary rate and **24** young members. Those outstanding to renew have had the opportunity to attend meetings from January to April, have received the January & March Newsletters.

We are acutely aware that OCJ2024/1 is later than expected – but that comes from your 2024 membership payment.

The renewal form is on page 2, and can also be found on the Club's website. If your contact details are unchanged, there is no need to complete; my address for cheques is on the form, along with detail for electronic banking.

It is essential for both cheques and electronic transfers you state your post code & surname as reference. Should you wish to make a 2-year renewal, simply double your payment.

There is a lot of work underway in trying to improve our website, prepare for the 100th anniversary in 2026, and also trying to get regular visits to happen, often thwarted by last minute changes.

Please do renew as soon as possible. My contact: markmdjameson@gmail.com; my phone **07802 715634** [SMS or text, please do not use voicemail].

Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)

REMINDER: YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP

Please use this form – or a photocopy – to renew your membership.

UK ADULT	£30	UK YOUNG §	£12	JOINT ADULT Member £15[Discount 50%] JUNIOR RATE £12 still applies	DONATIONS: £:
OUTSIDE UK Postal area ADULT	£40	OUTSIDE UK Postal area YOUNG	£22	<i>If more than one young person, £12 pp applies. For the Competition: rates on the application form, per person</i>	TOTAL: £

§ At 1/1/24: All to 18 years, up to 30 years if still in full time unwaged education or in an apprenticeship [not just music]

If you gained the Club a new member during 2023, **please identify who**. A single discount of £5 can reduce your payment.

Your Surname <small>PRINT PLEASE</small>		Title	
First Name			
E-mail: <small>PRINT PLEASE</small>			
Telephone/s:			
Name of Joint member/s at the same address			
Your postal address including post code:			

GDPR rules: I provide the mailing lists for both printed & e-mail Newsletters, and for the Journal. If a printed Newsletter or Journal is damaged/missing contact me. All membership matters should be directed to the Membership Secretary. Contacting other officers only delays response, and breaches confidentiality.

ELECTRONIC BANKING [Preferred]:

Reference: Your Surname & Postcode/ZIP
Amount: the sum you are paying
Account name: The Organ Club
Account sort code: 20-31-52 **Account number:** 00655171

INTERNATIONAL: SWIFT: BUKBGB22 IBAN: GB27 BUKB 2031 5200 6551 71

May I suggest use of <https://wise.com> – if you do not have access to a £GBP account. It is essential that we receive the correct sum with overseas payments. All currency exchange costs/fees are the responsibility of the member making the payment.

CHEQUES: please put your postcode on the back and send to:

THE ORGAN CLUB c/o Mark Jameson, 92 The Hawthorns, CHARVIL, Reading RG10 9TS

My contact for membership purposes: e-mail markmdjameson@gmail.com 07802 715634

Thank you for renewing

Mark Jameson, Hon Membership Secretary

Outcomes of the 2024 AGM: appointment of officers

The 2024 Club AGM was held at Peter's Church Nottingham on 25th March. 19 members attended in person, and a further 16 on video-conference.

The event was preceded by an interesting and well-received recital by Paul Hale, the President, whose performance amply demonstrated the ability of a hybrid pipe and electronic instrument to meet the challenges presented by a varied and inspiring programme.

At the AGM, the minutes of the 2023 AGM and Club accounts were approved, and the following committee nominations agreed:

President:	John Varney;
President-elect:	Jonathan Rennert;
General Secretary:	John Oldham;
Treasurer:	John Henderson;
Membership Secretary:	Mark Jameson;
Newsletter Editor:	John Belling;
Journal Editor:	Kevin Slingsby;
Website Manager:	John Henderson

In addition to the four continuing committee members, three further ones were elected; Paul Hale; Rosemary Evans and Keith Dukes.

Since the meeting, **Andrew Stevens** has been co-opted to the committee and **Jeremiah Stephenson** to fill the position of OCSO chair.

Royal Festival Hall Organ at 70

This year at the South Bank, the 70th anniversary of the first performance on the RFH organ will be celebrated with a special series of events: go to <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/classical-season/royal-festival-hall-organ-70?> for full details.

July 2024 Newsletter contributions

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

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2. CLUB MEETINGS

May 9th – 12th 2024: Short Tour to South Devon, including Buckfast Abbey

This tour is organised by Eric Shepherd.

Members who have registered for this tour and who receive newsletters electronically, will have received the tour Handbook as a PDF file.

Printed copies will be distributed on the first day of the tour.

Please note that there is a rail strike scheduled for May 8th, the day before the tour starts – this could disrupt train services on the following morning.

It might be an idea to try for an earlier train to give some contingency, or perhaps go by car if convenient.

Eric's mobile if you get delayed is: 0777 482 7872 .

Please contact the organiser, Eric Shepherd, if you have any queries at Eric bcshepherdandsons@gmail.com .

It just remains for me to wish every success for the tour, and hope for better weather!

Saturday June 15th 2024:

This visit is organised by our President, John Varney.

We will visit St. Lawrence Whitchurch, London. This is where the great composer Handel played.

Other churches still to be confirmed, and we will inform you when the visit schedule has been completed.

In the Pipeline

The following visits are planned; full details will be given nearer to the time. Please note them in your diary! But could be subject to change.

Saturday July 20th 2024: Bournemouth Area

This visit is organised by our President, John Varney.

We will visit St. Stephens Church, All Saints Southbourne and hopefully Christchurch Priory.

Full details in the next, July, newsletter.

Saturday August 17th 2024: Maldon (Essex)

This visit is organised by Andrew Stevens.

We will be visiting three organs, all within easy walking distance of each other in the attractive town of Maldon in Essex.

11:00 All Saints P.C., High Street, CM9 4QE

Originally John Gray 1830 with subsequent rebuilds, the last of which was by Bishops of Ipswich.

Great 11 Swell 12 Choir 8 Pedal 9

12.30 Assumption of our Lady, 60A Victoria Road, CM9 5HF

Originally Gray and Davidson for St Mary's old Harlow.

Moved here and rebuilt by Peter Wood of Thaxted in 1987

Great 5 Swell 7 Pedal 4

Lunch (approx 13:45 – 15:15) There are many eateries in Maldon but if it's good weather then it's particularly nice down at the pubs in front of the Quay where there are normally several Thames barges moored up, booking could be advisable.

15:30 St Mary's, Church Street, CM9 5HP

Organ by Klais, moved here in 2020 by Hey orgelbau of Bavaria and placed on a specially constructed gallery.

Hauptwerk 10 Schwellwerk 8 Pedal 6

Refreshments will be served in the Octagon at 16:30 to 17:00. Donations please.

Maldon has good car parking at around £5.40 for all day parking but please check signs.

Trains from London Liverpool Street to Chelmsford and then bus number 31 or 331 (railway station to bus station = 3 minutes) to All Saints Maldon.

Visit charge £10.

Bookings to a.stevens405@btinternet by August 11th please.

September 12th – 16th 2024: Isle of Wight

The organiser, Paul Hale, has contacted members who have expressed an interest in the tour, to include a provisional timetable, and arrangements for accommodation and travel.

There are a couple of places available following a cancellation, so if you are interested in joining the tour, please contact Paul, at PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net as soon as possible.

Saturday October 19th 2024: Dorchester on Thames & Area

This visit is organised by Mark Jameson.

December Friday 27th/Saturday 28th 2024:

London Organ Competition at St Michael's, Cornhill.

This is a "Major Opportunity for Teenage Organists" – for further details, please head to <https://organclub.org/competition/>.

Entries to be submitted by Friday November 1st 2024.

3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

May 15th 13:05 Robert Jones (St Bride's Fleet Street)

Jun 19th 13:05 Andrew Caskie (M.D. Nicholson & Co. and Malvern Priory)

Jul 17th 13:05 Michael Andrews (All Souls, Langham Place, London)

Aug 21st 13:05 Hamish Wagstaff (All Saints, Margaret Street, London)

Admission free, retiring collection.

Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH

Organ Matinees 2024, Sundays at 15:00

May 19th 15:00 Simon Lawford (Notre Dame de France, Leicester Square)

Jun 16th 15:00 Roger Sayer (International Concert Organist)

Jul 21st 15:00 Eleni Keventsidou (London Performing Arts Academy)

Aug 18th 15:00 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall, Westminster)

Admission free, retiring collection.

Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY

May 13th 19:30 Margaret Phillips "Magnificat" (**see poster below**)

Jun 10th 19:30 Gerard Brooks "Four Bs for Baroque"

Jul 8th 19:30 Royal Academy of Music Student Showcase

Sep 9th 19:30 Johannes Geffert "A German Feast"

Admission by programme £15, or online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/organ-concerts-2024-season-3209219>

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

Jul 11th 13:10 Rosemary Evans (St Alphege, Burnt Oak)

Admission free, retiring collection.

St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW

May 7th 20:00 Tom Winpenny (St Albans Cathedral)

Admission: £10.00 at the door, or season membership available.

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

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 13:00

May 13th Travis Baker (St Leonard's Church and Battle Abbey School)

Jul 1st Student players from Eton College

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-may-2024> .

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!**

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

May 14th 13:10 George Herbert (Manchester)

May 28th 13:10 Paul Greally (King's College, Cambridge)

Jun 11th 13:10 Andrew Arthur (Trinity Hall, Cambridge)

Jun 25th 13:10 Alexander Pott (Assistant DoM, Magdalen College, Oxford)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 7th 13:10 Ophelia Amar (Royal Academy of Music)

May 21st 13:10 Jonathan Lee (Trinity College, Cambridge)

Jun 4th 13:10 Laura Schlappa (Munich)

Jun 18th 13:10 tba

Admission free (retiring collection)

Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1YG

May 3rd 13:00 Timara Easter (Concert Organist)

Prokofiev, Milhaud, Messiaen, Vierne, Alain

Jun 7th 13:00 David Hardie (Head of Music, Birmingham Cathedral)

Admission free (retiring collection)

Hereford Cathedral HR1 2NG

Aug 26th 11:30 Jonathan Scott (International Concert Organist)

Admission free with a retiring collection.

St Matthew's, Northampton, NN1 4RY

Summer Fête

Jul 6th 13:30 Philip Britcher (Northampton)

Jul 6th 14:45 Philip Britcher (Northampton)

St Michael's, Cornhill, St Michael's Alley, EC3V 9DS

- May 6th 13:00 Alexander Knight (St Paul's Cathedral)
ONLINE only: Zoom ID: 898 6534 0787, Passcode: 592990
- May 13th 13:00 Christopher Herrick (International Recording Artist)
- May 20th 13:00 Richard Brasier (St George's German Lutheran Church, London)
- May 27th 13:00 Richard Brasier (St George's German Lutheran Church)
ONLINE only: Zoom ID: 835 1429 8460, Passcode: 084216
- Jun 3rd 13:00 David Goode (International Concert Organist)
Holst's *The Planets*, ending with a performance of the composer's own organ-duet version of Neptune (with Makoto James)
- Jun 10th 13:00 Makoto James (St Michael's Cornhill)
- Jun 17th 13:00 Eleni Keventsidou (London Performing Arts Academy)
- Jun 24th 13:00 Sarah Baldock (DoM Winchester College)
- Jul 1st 13:00 Anthony Gritten (Royal Academy of Music)
- Admission free (retiring collection)

Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

- May 9th 19:00 James Gough (Southwark Cathedral)
Special Organ meditation for Ascension Day:
Olivier Messiaen: *L'Ascension*.
- May 13th 13:20 Tom Little (Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin)
- May 20th 13:20 Rupert Gough (St Bartholomew the Great, London)
- May 30th 19:00 Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)
Special Organ meditation for Corpus Christi:
Anthony Gray featuring the premiere of a new work:
An Aquinian Sequence.
- Jun 3rd 13:20 Laurence Caldecote (All Saints, Northampton)
- Jun 10th 13:20 Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)
Commemorating the centenary of the death of composer
Théodore Dubois
- Jun 17th 13:20 Shean Bowers (Liverpool Cathedral Organ Scholar 2004-6)
- Jun 24th 13:20 Katy Silverman (St Mary's, Battersea)
- Jul 1st 13:20 James Gough (Southwark Cathedral)
The English Sonata - celebrating the anniversaries of
Bairstow, Harwood and Stanford,
including Edward Bairstow: Sonata in E flat.
- Admission free, retiring collection.

St Paul's Church, Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH

Jun 22nd 14:00 Christopher Cipkin (Wokingham)

Midsummer Music

Admission free (retiring collection)

Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara St, Borough SE1 1TE

Jun 1st 12:30 Marilyn and Norman Harper (London)

Organ duets and solos

Admission free with a retiring collection

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist, High St, Windsor, SL4 1LD

Jun 24th 13:00 John Halsey (Windsor Parish Church)

Organ Recital on the Feast of St John the Baptist

Music by JS Bach, Elgar, Franck and Liszt

Christ's Chapel Dulwich, Gallery Rd, London SE21 7AD

May 12th 19:45 Francesca Massey (International Concert Organist)

The Dulwich Festival Organ Recital

Tickets will be available on the door or online from the Dulwich Festival Website. Prices TBC but they will not be sky high. Last year, the concession rate was £4.00 and the full rate £6.00

Jun 16th 19:45 Claire Hobbs (Bristol)

Admission Free, generous retiring collection.

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.

May 25th 16:00 Francesca Massey (Concert Organist)

Jun 29th 16:00 Tom Bell (Concert Organist)

Jul 27th 16:00 Yarno Missiaen (Belgium)

Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Rd, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Jun 29th 20:00 *Battle of the Organs*: Cathedral organ v Allen GX350

With Donald MacKenzie (Organist of the Odeon, Leicester Square) and James Davy (formerly Master of Music of Chelmsford Cathedral and currently Organist at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook)

Tickets are £15 and £7.50 for under 16s, and are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/83220321803> .

For further details or questions, please email organisttraining@brcdt.org .



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June 11th
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Sub Organist Selby Abbey

June 18th
ALEKSANDR NISSE
The Pro Cathedral Dublin

June 25th
JAMES VIVIAN
St Georges Chapel Windsor

July 2nd
JEREMIAH STEPHENSON
All Saints Margaret Street

July 9th
MICHAEL OVERBURY
Newark

July 16th
CHRISTOPHER TOO
Westminster Cathedral

July 23rd
NICHOLAS WEARNE
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

July 30th
GERARD GILLEN
Professor Emeritus in Music
Maynooth University

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tickets include wine or soft drink

July 27th
ROMAN RUDNYTSKY
USA

August 3rd
BENJAMIN FRITH
Sheffield

Thanks to Stephen Pringle Managing Director of
Shawwood Pianos for the kind loan of a concert
grand piano for the two piano recitals

CHRIST CHURCH SPITALFIELDS

Commercial St, London E1 6LY
(Tube: Liverpool Street or Aldgate East)
*2023 Organ Concerts on the
1735 Richard Bridge / William Drake organ*

Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm
Admission by programme £15 or online:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/organ-concerts-2024-season-3209219>

MARGARET PHILLIPS

programme

SAMUEL SCHEIDT (1587–1663)

Magnificat Secundi Toni

THOMAS GLADWIN (1710–1799)

Sonata no. 6 in E minor/major

Largo – Allegro – Affettuoso – Minuet

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685–1759)

Overture in Samson

George Berg (c. 1730–c. 1775) Voluntary in C minor/major Op. 8 no.14

Larghetto – Allegro moderato – Allegro moderato

JEAN ADAM GUILAIN (FL. 1702–1739)

Suite du Quatrième Ton

(Pièces d'orgue pour le Magnificat)

Plein jeu – Cromhorne en taille – Duo – Basse de Cromhorne –

Trio – Dialogue – Petit plein jeu

JOHN MARSH (1752–1828)

Overture

Allegro moderato – Adagio – March: Maestoso

J. S. BACH (1685–1750)

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733

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Royal Academy of Music

27th July Charles Francis

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28th September Isabelle Demers

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