

The Organ Club Newsletter

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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

1. NOTICES

Our April visit (23rd) visit to **Chesterfield, Derbyshire**, was much enjoyed by almost 40 members. Many thanks to John Varney for organising this exceptional visit.

Our next visit, again organised by indefatigable John, is to Guildford to include the Cathedral, and we hope to see you there.

Full details are given in section 2 below.

I reported in the last newsletter (March 2022) of the demise of the website organrecitals.com, which over the years provided an extremely useful resource for organists and organ enthusiasts.

I'm very pleased to pass on a memo from member Steve Dunk about a new website [The Organ Recital Event Guide \(organrecitals.uk\)](http://TheOrganRecitalEventGuide(organrecitals.uk)), which is listing organ recitals from May 1st.

To quote from their site, "*Organrecitals.uk intends to list all organ recitals and concerts in the UK on a daily basis up to four months ahead*".

On behalf of the club, I wish the site every success.

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

2022 Membership

I thank members who have renewed especially those who have added extra to the membership rate.

A reminder form is being POSTED to the 64 overdue with their renewal.

The original renewal form was the final page of the January Newsletter - done that way to try to save expense which in turn helps to keep membership rates unchanged. A reminder was also on the front page of the March Newsletter.

Electronic transfer is the preferred method for payment, but UK £STG cheques welcome. For members living outside of the UK postal area without access to £STG payments, I have a personal PayPal account but any payment that way must be as a friend as I will not accept PayPal fees - they are the member's responsibility. I will also accept 2-year renewals if that makes it easier to deal with banking charges. OVERSEAS members only - some of you send 85AUD/70USD notes - not that safe, but wrapped in silver foil and then inside other paper helps protect.

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

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

There is a new payment system for overseas to UK transfers with best rates, <https://wise.com> Much cheaper than bank transfers or PayPal. Two of our USA members used this system.

When paying - I do not need the form back if there are no changes, but require it if claiming a discount of £5 for having gained another member since your previous renewal, who must be named. Please use your surname & postcode as payment identification.

ALL renewals must be notified to me. Do not send renewal payments to any other officer of the Club.

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)

The new Škrabl organ in Our Lady of Victories, Kensington

From member Steve Dunk:

The magnificent new IV/53 Škrabl organ in Our Lady of Victories, Kensington was inaugurated by Olivier Latry in January. This stunning recital is available on YouTube from this link:

[Olivier Latry | Inaugural Concert on the new Grand Organ: Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, London - YouTube](#)

The programme includes works by JS Bach, Widor, and Vierne, plus an improvisation.

We are planning a club visit later this year to include this organ.

Ralph Waters

We are sad to report the death last December of long-standing club member Ralph Waters (member since 1989) who had been organist at Christ Church, Worthing.

A service of commemoration has been planned at Christ Church, Worthing on Saturday 2nd July at 11:00. All are welcome.

July 2022 Newsletter contributions

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

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APRIL 2022

ORGAN CONCERTS – retiring collection unless shown otherwise

READING TOWN HALL RG1 1QH – The Concert Hall – Monday Organ recitals

9 May 1pm Graham Barber - Programme includes music by Whitlock, Franck, Karg-Elert, Jackson and Bax.

4 July 1pm An organ student from ETON COLLEGE This resumes the welcome made to a young player.

Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door. Please note that the venue no longer accepts cash, so all payments must be made using a credit or debit card.

HERITAGE DAY - Saturday 17th September

Details of this event are to come - please make a note in your calendar.

READING Minster Church of St Mary RG1 2LN [by John Lewis]

Saturday 14 May 4pm Recital by Nat Keiller of Windsor. This will be followed by the AGM of The Berkshire Organists.

20 May Friday 12.30 Recital by Rosemary Evans [now of St Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware]

17 June Friday 12.30 Recital by Christopher Cipkin [Wokingham]

NEWBURY St Nicolas Parish Church RG14 5HG

9 June Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by Alistair Davis

14 July Thursday 1.10pm Lunchtime recital by Rosemary Evans

OXFORD TOWN HALL, St Aldates OX1 1BX

Also a Willis organ -smaller than the Willis in Reading Town Hall. **Wednesdays 12 noon, tickets £6**

25 May Adam Parrish

29 June Riccardo Cossi

27 July Weston Jennings

28 September - Performer to be confirmed

The venue welcomes you to bring a pack lunch and enjoy during the recital

OXFORD Merton College, Merton Street OX1 4JD

A series of recitals are being given on THURSDAYS at 1.15pm

5 May Christian Wilson [Director of Music, Brasenose College, Assistant at Christ Church Oxford and Organist at Chapels Royal, Tower of London]

12 May Benjamin Nicholas, [Merton, Director of Music]

19 May Benjamin Sheet, [Sub Organist of Christ Church Cathedral]

26 May Alexander Flood

2 June Owen Chan, Junior Organ Scholar

9 June Kentaro Machida Senior Organ Scholar

16 June Sarah Baldock, [former organist, Master of the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral]

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC CHURCH
DUNCAN TERRACE, ISLINGTON N1 8AL

ORGAN RECITALS 2022

28th May **Anne Page** (Cambridge)

Bach, Grigny, Messiaen, Aprahamian-Liddle

25th June **Jane Parker-Smith** *Memorial recital*

Performers :

**Gerard Brooks, David Gammie, Adrian Gunning
Eleni Keventsidou, Ourania Gassiou, Marjorie Bruce &
D'Arcy Trinkwon**

Karg-Elert, Cochereau, Langlais, Duruflé, Allcoat, Willscher

30th July **Peter Wright** (London)

Guillou, Bach, Franck, Martin, Boyce & Reger

No recital in August

24th Sept **David Titterington**

(Royal Academy of Music)

Buxtehude, Grigny, Muffat & Niels la Cour

Saturdays 7.30pm

ADMISSION FREE WITH COLLECTION
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2. CLUB MEETINGS

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

This year sees the 60th anniversary celebrations of the consecration of the Cathedral, which we shall visit first, followed by lunch, and then visits to two further churches.

11:00 The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Stag Hill

13:00. Lunch (own arrangements)

Seasons Cafe will probably be open and there are many and varied establishments in the town centre.

14:00 to 15:30 Holy Trinity Church. Top of the High Street

16:00 to 17:30 St. Mary's Church, West Horsley (Frobenius organ)

On the day of our visit the celebrations reach a climax with a major concert at 19:30 given by the Cathedral Choir, and members may wish to return to the Cathedral to attend this Diamond Anniversary concert. The programme will feature a specially commissioned work by John Rutter, *The Gift of Life*, which the composer will conduct. The programme also features music by Howells, Bairstow and others and an Organ Solo given by Richard Moore, Sub Organist and our host for the morning. Pre-Concert at 18:30 there will be a conversation between John Rutter and Katherine Dienes Williams, (Organist and Master of the Choristers).

Full details can be found on the Cathedral Website where tickets can be booked for this very special event.

Visit Cost £10.

Bookings to John Varney, email jvarneyguildford@icloud.com or telephone 01483 574326 by Saturday 14th May, latest please.

Transport

There is no coach.

There are frequent trains from London Waterloo to Guildford. It may be helpful to check if there are engineering works. On arrival at the station exit via the side entrance over the bridge. Fit and able body members could walk to the Cathedral which is a steady climb. Others without cars could hire a taxi or catch No. 5 bus from stop opposite the back entrance of the station (times 10:00, 10:20 10:40) to the bottom of Stag Hill.

There is a car park at the Cathedral.

After lunch, own arrangements, return to the town centre.

Holy Trinity Church is at the top of the High Street. There is a car park nearby which is likely to be busy on a Saturday.

St. Mary, West Horsley - members need to make their own travel arrangement. There is no viable public transport, those without own transport could perhaps share taxis or maybe accept lifts from those with cars.

Day Visit Notes: will be issued by e-mail ahead of visit, printed copy ONLY to those unable to print a PDF document - must be advised when booking.

Visit organised by John Varney

Saturday June 18th 2022: London Organ Day, St Peter's Church, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY

This "Grand Vauxhall Extravaganza" promises to be a very interesting day, ending with a recital by John Kitchen (Edinburgh City Organist and Edinburgh University Organist).

Further details at: <https://iao.org.uk/london-organ-day/> .

Saturday July 16th 2022: Gorleston/Lowestoft

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

Church of Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA
On the Southside of High Street Kensington, between Abingdon Road and Earls Court Road. (Not far from High Street Kensington Underground Station)

May 20th 19:30 Timothy Macklin & David Bednall with vocal soloists
Ave Maria: Music for Mary

Jul 1st 19:30 Johann Vexo (Nancy Cathedral & Notre Dame, Paris)
Tickets for all concerts (£10 each): <https://olov-kensington.eventbrite.co.uk>

York Central Methodist Church St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

Jun 16th 12:30 Timothy Selman (York Oratory)

Jun 30th 12:30 Robert Sharpe (York Minster)

Jul 7th 12:30 Keith Wright (St Olave's, York)

Jul 21st 12:30 Philip J Paul (York Central Methodist)

Aug 4th 12:30 Timothy Jones (York)

Aug 18th 12:30 Alessandro Bianchi (St Edward the Confessor, Lugano, Switzerland)

Aug 25th 12:30 Jeremy Blasby (Newport Cathedral)

Sep 8th 12:30 Asher Oliver (York Minster)

Sep 15th 12:30 Richard Fenwick (Cardiff)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 9th 13:00 Jonathan Rennert

May 16th 13:00 Jane Watts

May 23rd 13:00 Thomas Allery

May 30th 13:00 Makoto Janes

Jun 6th 13:00 Ashley Wagner

Jun 13th 13:00 Alberto Brigandi & Richard Moore play Holst's *The Planets Suite*

Jun 20th 13:00 Christopher Herrick

Jun 27th 13:00 Charles Harrison

Admission free (retiring collection)

St Mary's Church, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8HW

May 14th 19:30 David Briggs (St John the Divine, New York)

"Organ Fireworks" – celebrity recital and talk

Tickets: £12 (£10 students) at the door, or in advance via (*booking fee applies*) at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-ppvovg>

Refreshments available

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP

May 28th 16:00 Ben Bloor (Brompton Oratory)
Jun 25th 16:00 Eleni Keventsidou (Rugby School)
Jul 30th 16:00 Paul Grealley (King's College, Cambridge)
Sep 24th 16:00 Daniel Moulton (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)
All recitals begin at 4pm and are followed at 5pm by a light buffet.

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

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

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

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

See poster below for details.

Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby, YO8 4PU

May 31st 12:30 Oliver Waterer (Selby Abbey)
Jun 7th 12:30 Timothy Ravalde (Chichester Cathedral)
Jun 14th 12:30 Roger Sayer (Temple Church, London)
Jun 21st 12:30 Juan Paradelle-Solé (Titular organist of the Sistine Chapel)
Jun 28th 12:30 Colin Walsh (Lincoln Cathedral)
Jul 5th 12:30 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)
Jul 12th 12:30 Richard Elliott (Salt Lake Tabernacle)
Jul 19th 12:30 Alessandro Licata (Former Professor Santa Cecilia Conservatory of Music, Rome)
Jul 26th 12:30 Peter King (Bath Abbey)
Admission free (retiring collection)

Sep 2nd 19:30 Martin Baker & John Scott Whiteley
The Battle of the Organs - with Viscount organs
Tickets £15

Cost: £10 per person.

Bookings to Andrew Stevens at a.stevens405@btinternet.com by 9th July please.

Lunch: owing to a very tight schedule, packed lunches are very much the order of the day and permission has been granted at Lound to have these there.

Transport by owners' cars so please share where possible. There is good car parking at all churches; however, Lound is a small village so please park considerately.

Day Visit Notes: will be issued by e-mail ahead of visit, printed copy ONLY to those unable to print a PDF document - must be advised when booking.

Saturday August 20th 2022: Swindon & Area

We shall visit four churches, three for the first time, each very different instruments.

10:45 St Mark's, Church Place, SN1 5EH

A relocated organ from the north of England installed in 1973 by Percy Daniel, with a rebuild in 2009 and other later work.
Gt 9, Sw 9, Pos 5, Ped 7.

Walk via town centre for food, or bus 1/1A to central library to:

13:00 Holy Rood RC, Groundwell Street, SN1 2LU (very limited parking)
Paul Hale played the 2019 opening recital on this much enlarged organ by Clevedon Organs.
Gt 13, Sw 13, Ch 12, Ped 13.

Through Queens Park and walk up hill, or bus 12 to:

15:00 Christ Church, Cricklade Street, SN1 3HB

A revisit, we were here in 1993 & 2008, since then the church has been reordered and the organ overhauled and modified again by J W Walker in 2019. A new book "The Beacon on the Hill" for £13 will be available in the church, full history of the organ and building - is recommended.
Gt 13, Sw 12, Ped 10.

Downhill walk then bus 17 to:

17:30 St Barnabas, 115A Cricklade Road, SN2 1AB

Bevington c1860, installed here 1903 by Bevington, part overhaul 2000 Stemson of Swindon.
Gt 9, Sw (TC with stop bass low octave) 5, Ped B16.

Expected finish time 18:30

Cost: £10 per person.

Bookings to **Mark Jameson** at markmdjameson@btinternet.com (preferred contact) or 07802 715634 by **TUESDAY 16th AUGUST**.

Travel - Trains:

09:28 Paddington to Cheltenham, arrives Swindon 10:24,

09:32 Paddington to Bristol, arrives Swindon 10:30

Frequent service to/from Paddington, booked seats advised for outward journey.

Travel: with a car

Swindon has many one-way streets, bus lanes or roads for buses only.

Full details about how to get between churches in the day visit notes.

Very limited parking at Holy Rood, but at Regent Circus (west end of Groundwell Road) public pay & display car park. All other churches have car parking.

Food: Brunel Shopping centre or pack lunch (in Queen's Park rear of Holy Rood).

Day Visit Notes: Will be issued by e-mail ahead of visit, printed copy ONLY to those unable to print a 9-page PDF - must be advised when booking.

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).

September 17th 2022: arrangements in progress

Saturday October 15th 2022: Warmington & Fotheringhay

Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley & Abingdon

Thursday December 29th & Friday 30th 2022:

The London Organ Competition - further details nearer to the date.

Saturday February 18th 2023: Stowe School & 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 expected to take place a few days either side of the weekend 16th/17th September. 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

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

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 1pm – see poster below

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-may-2022>

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!**

Hereford Cathedral, 5 College Cloisters, Cathedral Close, HR1 2NG

May 10th 13:15 Nicholas Freestone (Worcester Cathedral)

May 17th 13:15 Guide to the Organs

May 31st 13:15 Sean Farrell (Knighton)

Jun 7th 13:15 Michael D'Avanzo (Southwell Minster)

Jun 14th 13:15 Emma Gibbins (Newport Cathedral)

Jun 21st 13:15 Peter King (Exeter)

Jun 28th 13:15 Jonathon Kingston (Stony Stratford)

Admission free – refreshments available

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

May 19th 19:30 Ian Shaw (London)

Jun 23rd 19:30 Norman Harper (London)

Jul 21st 19:30 Christopher Herrick (Concert Organist)

Sep 15th 19:30 Will Nicholson (Alston Moor)

Oct 13th 19:30 Katy Silverman (St Mary's Battersea)

Admission free (retiring collection)