

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 1. NOTICES

Our April visit (23<sup>rd</sup>) 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](http://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://The Organ Recital Event Guide (organrecitals.uk)), which is listing organ recitals from May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

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](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)*

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11:00. All are welcome.

## **July 2022 Newsletter contributions**

Please email notices by June 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 May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022: visit to Guildford, including Cathedral**

This year sees the 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jvarneyguildford@icloud.com) or telephone 01483 574326 by Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**Cost:** £10 per person.

**Bookings** to Andrew Stevens at [a.stevens405@btinternet.com](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Stenson 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](mailto:markmdjameson@btinternet.com) (preferred contact) or 07802 715634 by **TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Road, 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 Road).

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 2022: arrangements in progress**

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

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

**Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 2022:**

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

**Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: Stowe School & 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 expected to take place a few days either side of the weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 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 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-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 10<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Nicholas Freestone (Worcester Cathedral)

May 17<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Guide to the Organs

May 31<sup>st</sup> 13:15 Sean Farrell (Knighton)

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Michael D'Avanzo (Southwell Minster)

Jun 14<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Emma Gibbins (Newport Cathedral)

Jun 21<sup>st</sup> 13:15 Peter King (Exeter)

Jun 28<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Jonathon Kingston (Stony Stratford)

Admission free – refreshments available

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

May 19<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Ian Shaw (London)

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

Jul 21<sup>st</sup> 19:30 Christopher Herrick (Concert Organist)

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Will Nicholson (Alston Moor)

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Katy Silverman (St Mary's Battersea)

Admission free (retiring collection)

**Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8EP**

- May 28<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Ben Bloor (Brompton Oratory)  
Jun 25<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Eleni Keventsidou (Rugby School)  
Jul 30<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Paul Greally (King's College, Cambridge)  
Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

- 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

- 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**

**See poster below** for details.

**Selby Abbey, The Crescent, Selby, YO8 4PU**

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

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



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Timothy Macklin & David Bednall with vocal soloists  
Ave Maria: Music for Mary

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Timothy Selman (York Oratory)

Jun 30<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Robert Sharpe (York Minster)

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

Jul 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30 Philip J Paul (York Central Methodist)

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Timothy Jones (York)

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

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Jeremy Blasby (Newport Cathedral)

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Asher Oliver (York Minster)

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Richard Fenwick (Cardiff)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 9<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jonathan Rennert

May 16<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jane Watts

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 13:00 Thomas Allery

May 30<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Makoto Janes

Jun 6<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Ashley Wagner

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

Jun 20<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Christopher Herrick

Jun 27<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Charles Harrison

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

May 14<sup>th</sup> 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-ppvgy>

Refreshments available

**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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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

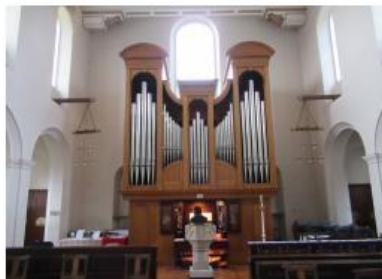
**16 June** Sarah Baldock, [former organist, Master of the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral]

# St. 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**

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