

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 1. NOTICES

Many thanks to John Miley for organising a superb visit to Fotheringhay and Warmington, on 15<sup>th</sup> October.



The photo (left, taken by the newsletter editor) shows David Goode, who stepped in at short notice, after finishing his recital on the Woodstock organ at Fotheringhay Church.

We enjoyed a fine Annual lunch, and address given by Anne Marsden Thomas.

Two more photos from our President, Paul Hale, of the organs at St Mary's, Warmington: Grant, Degens & Bradbeer (left) and Nicholson (right). NB: Editor's wife, Tessa, is in the yellow puffer coat!



**The organ at St James's Clerkenwell, by George Pike England, 1792.**

We were on an *Institute of Physics* walk around Clerkenwell (yes, nothing to do with Physics!), which included this church, and its picturesque organ.

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## 2023 Membership

I am pleased to advise that membership rates for the 2023 calendar year are unchanged - £30 standard membership and £12 for young members (Young: at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 all up to 18 years, and those in full time study or apprenticeships up to 30 years). Your membership number appears on the envelope label for The Journal, and on posted Newsletters. If the number starts with "22" then renewal is due in the period 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March (See Constitution, item 3d & 3f). The renewal form will be a page in the January Newsletter. My thanks to the large number of members who renewed online for 2022.

The Newsletter is sent out as standard by electronic means – Mailchimp – please ensure your computer [particularly if you have a Company or School based e-mail address] recognizes THE ORGAN CLUB. The Newsletter can always be found on our website. If you do not have e-mail or are unable to print, a printed issue is available. On-line & e-mail versions are regularly updated so please keep an eye on the Club's web site.

If you have moved or updated your system - telephone/e-mail during 2022 it is vital I am advised. Advising another member of the committee could delay your receiving information.

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** or mobile 07802 715634 (SMS or text, please do not use voicemail).

## January 2023 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by December 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at [newsletter@organclub.org](mailto:newsletter@organclub.org).

*John Belling (Newsletter Editor)*



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<http://www.berkshireorganists.org.uk/events.html>

**ORGAN CONCERTS – retiring collection unless shown otherwise**

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

7 November 2022: **Ophelia Amar** – Royal Academy of Music & Notre-Dame-de-France, London

16 January 2023: **Andreeana Chan** – Pembroke College, Cambridge

6 March 2023: **Marilyn Harper** – Christ's Chapel, Dulwich [& OC Member]

8 May 2023 – **Gillian Blythman** of Thatcham

3 July 2023 – **Eton College organ student**

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.

## READING Minster Church of St Mary RG1 2LN 12.30 Friday Organ Recitals

18 November recital by Andrew Prior, London

9 December recital by Relf Clark

## NEWBURY St Nicolas Parish Church RG14 5HG 1.10pm Thursday organ recitals

10 November recital by Jonathan Holl

## NEWBURY Methodist – Northbrook Street RG14 1AN

Thursday 8 December 1.10pm Clive Grant from Crewkerne, Somerset.

## OXFORD – Merton College, Merton Street, OX1 4JD

1.15pm Lunchtime recitals are held every Thursday during Michaelmas and Trinity terms.

27 October: **Owen Chan**, Senior Organ Scholar

3 November: **Mark Shepherd**, Director of Music at Charterhouse School. Marking 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of César Franck

10 November: **Daniel Cook**, Durham Cathedral Organist, celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ralph Vaughan Williams

Friday 11 November, Robert Quinney, Director of the Choir of New College Oxford, [150<sup>th</sup> RVW Birthday]

17 November: **Dr Colin Walsh**, Organist Emeritus Lincoln Cathedral

24 November: **Benjamin Nicholas**, Bodley Fellow & Reed Rubin Organist & Director of Music

1 December: **François Cloete**, Junior Organ Scholar, Merton



Some of the 3,500 pipes of our fine organ are over 300 years old. Since Henry Purcell gave the opening recital in 1684, the instrument has been enlarged and enriched by a succession of leading organ builders, and it was last restored in 2010 by Nicholson's of Malvern. Organists of the church have included the 18<sup>th</sup> century composer William Boyce (here for 32 years), as well as Harold Darke (50 years) and Richard Popplewell. The [Royal] College of Organists was founded here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The weekly recitals series is thought to be the longest-running in the world (it began in 1914). It features internationally-renowned soloists, as well as gifted younger players.

*The continuation of this well-known series depends on the support of the audience. Please be generous as you leave. There is a bowl for cash, as well as a card-reader (for debit or credit cards) and a QR code on display.*

**Monday 7 November, 1pm**  
**JONATHAN LILLEY**  
(Waltham Abbey)

WILLS <i>Alkmaar</i> Prelude & Fugue	9
WILLS <i>Etheldreda</i> Rag	4
MUSSORGSKY, arr Wills <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> (15 mm)	36

**LUNCHTIME  
ORGAN MUSIC**

in St Michael's Cornhill

**MONDAYS AT ONE**  
November-December 2022

**Monday 14 November, 1pm**  
**ANTHONY GRITTEN**

WIDOR <i>Marcia (Symphonie 3)</i>	6
GRUNENWALD <i>2 Hymnes</i>	17
ROTH <i>Hommage à César Franck</i>	16
LEFÉBURE-WELY <i>Grand Offertoire in c</i>	6

**Monday 21 November, 1pm**  
**JAMES BANVILLE**

HOSKING <i>Paeon for St Cecilia</i>	7
HAWES <i>Interlude &amp; Scherzo</i>	6
LIDDLE <i>Homophony, op 15</i>	12
LIDDLE <i>Agnus Dei, op 6</i>	1
BACH, arr Giessen <i>Chaconne (Partita 2)</i>	15

**Monday 28 November, 1pm**  
**CHRISTOPHER SAWARD**

(The Annunciation, Marble Arch)	
PANUFNIK <i>fff (Fulham Festival Fanfare)</i>	1
HOWELLS <i>Rhapsody 2 in E flat</i>	8
LIDDLE <i>Barely Starlit Sea, op 14</i>	9
BACH <i>Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572</i>	8
LIDDLE <i>Polyphony in T major</i>	4
DURUFLÉ <i>Prélude (Suite, op 5)</i>	8
VIERNE <i>Allegro Vivace (Symphonie 1)</i>	4
ELGAR <i>Pomp &amp; Circumstance March 4</i>	7

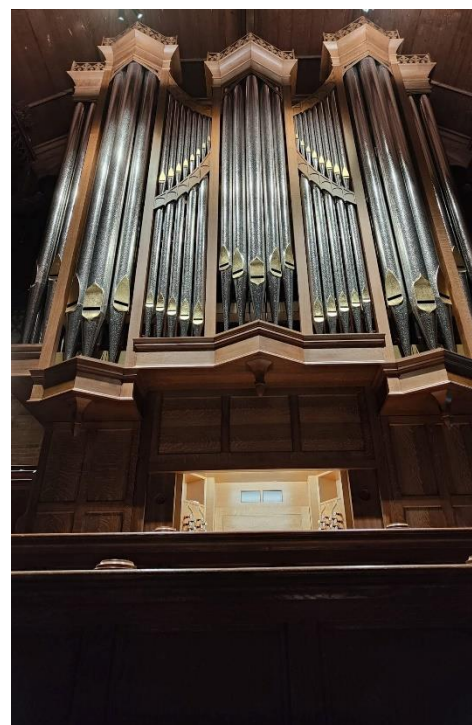
**Monday 5 December, 1pm**  
**MAKOTO JAMES**

(Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)	
BUXTEHUDE <i>Praeludium in g, BuxWV149</i>	8
BACH <i>Nun komm, BWV 659</i>	5
BRUHNS <i>Nun komm</i>	10
BACH <i>Nun komm, BWV 660</i>	4
ESCAICH <i>Evocation III</i>	9
BACH <i>Nun komm, BWV 661</i>	3
DEMESSIEUX <i>Rorate Caeli</i>	2
DUPRÉ <i>Le monde dans l'attente</i>	8

**Monday 12 December, 1pm**  
**JEREMIAH STEPHENSON**  
performs Messiaen's iconic 50-minute  
meditation on the Advent and Christmas  
stories, *La Nativité du Seigneur*

**2. CLUB MEETINGS**

Saturday November 19th 2022: Radley



Today we visit the organs in Radley Parish Church and in Radley College Chapel, following an illustrated talk given by our President, Paul Hale, about his recent organ projects, which include Radley College Chapel.

Organ at Radley College Chapel by Nicholson & Co of Malvern, installed 2021.

Gt: 11; Sw:13; Ch: 11;  
Ped: 18

**Image:** School Organists' Association

**10:30** meet at Radley College, a 9-12 minute walk from Radley station, depending on speed. For those driving, parking at the College is allowed.

**11:00** Panelled Room: a 'PowerPoint' presentation by Paul Hale about his recent most interesting organ projects as a consultant, concluding with Radley College Chapel's new Nicholson organ.

**12:30** walk to the *Bowyer Arms* (next to station car park; a 10-13 min walk) for lunch

See <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/oxfordshire/bowyer-arms/menu/main-menu>.

**14:15** leave the *Bowyer Arms* and walk to the parish church (9-12 mins).

**14:30** play the organ in Radley parish church, St James the Great, Church Road OX14 2JE.

**15:30** move to the College Chapel (6-9 mins) to explore the new Nicholson.

**17:30** (approx.) ends.

*Note: could car drivers please help ferry around those members whose best walking days are behind them.*

**Cost of visit: £10** - lunch not included.

**To book** places on this visit, please contact Paul Hale (our President) by November 12<sup>th</sup>, stating if you would like lunch at the *Bower Arms*, at [paulhale@diaphone.clara.net](mailto:paulhale@diaphone.clara.net)

Tel:01949 836170 mob: 07974 931057

**Travel** (communicated by Mark Jameson):

**Bus:** please note that the Oxford bus 35 that was the main route to Radley from Oxford has been replaced by a fast X2 that **by-passes Radley**.

Oxford Bus *City13* runs between Oxford and Abingdon and calls at Radley Railway station. On Saturdays, the service is ½ hourly.

<https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/13?date=2022-11-19&direction=outbound>

**Rail:** One route is to get to Reading (for Londoners, Elizabeth line, 70 mins, free to Freedom Pass holders), then train from Reading to Didcot Parkway, then take the Didcot Parkway to Radley shuttle service.

09:07 from Didcot Parkway, arr. Radley 09:16,

10:07 from Didcot Parkway, arr. Radley 10:16

Full details from:

<https://www.gwr.com/travel-information/train-times> (timetable **T8**).

Alternatively, from London, you can take a GWR train direct from Paddington to Didcot, GWR link as above, timetable **T1**, then take the Didcot Parkway to Radley shuttle service (timetable **T8**).

End of day return trains from Radley:

To Oxford, then Banbury – 16:15, 18:17

To Oxford only: 17:15, 19:15

To Didcot: 16:13, 17:13, 18:13, 19:13, 20:15 - takes about 10 mins



The organ console at Radley College Chapel.

Photo by Paul Hale.



Organ Society

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**2022/2023 SEASON (56TH YEAR) OF ORGAN CONCERTS  
HELD AT  
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE GU34 2BW  
TUESDAYS @ 8.00 PM**

- 4 OCTOBER 2022** **COLIN WALSH**  
*ORGANIST EMERITUS, LINCOLN CATHEDRAL*
- 1 NOVEMBER 2022** **DAVID DAVIES**  
*BUCKFAST ABBEY*
- 6 DECEMBER 2022** **BEN BLOOR**  
*BROMPTON ORATORY LONDON*
- 3 JANUARY 2023** **SACHIN GUNGEN**  
*PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL*
- 7 FEBRUARY 2023** **KATHERINE DIENES-WILLIAMS**  
*ORGANIST & MASTER OF THE CHORISTERS GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL*
- 7 MARCH 2023** **MARK SHEPHERD**  
*CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL*
- 4 APRIL 2023** **TRAVIS BAKER**  
*ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, STREATHAM, LONDON*
- 2 MAY 2023** **LUKE BOND**  
*ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR*

ADMISSION: £10.00 AT THE DOOR OR SEASON MEMBERSHIP AT £60 FOR ALL EIGHT CONCERTS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY (SPECIAL CONCESSIONARY RATES FOR SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDENTS)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 7.30 PM

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

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 16:00 D'Arcy Trinkwon (Concert Organist)  
*All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.*  
**2023:**

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Bloomsbury Organ Day: *Trocadero & Town Halls*  
<https://www.theladyorganist.com/event/bloomsbury-organ-day-2023/>

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

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 13:10 William Peart (Universität der Künste, Berlin)  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 13:10 Stephen King (Brentwood Cathedral)  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Richard Hobson (Grosvenor Chapel)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Callum Anderson (St Mary's, Putney)  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Travis Baker (St Leonard's, Streatham)  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 13:10 James Johnstone (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)  
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Rebecca Taylor with Gwyn Owen trumpet  
(Former Organ Scholar Lincoln College Oxford / Director A5 Brass)  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 13:05 Andrew Caskie (MD Nicholson & Co., & Malvern Priory)  
Admission free / retiring collection

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

(See poster on page 11 for more details, and for December dates)

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Jonathan Lilley (Waltham Abbey)  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Dr Anthony Gritten  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 13:00 James Banville  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Christopher Saward (Church of the Annunciation,  
Marble Arch)

Admission free (retiring collection)

**Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX**

César Franck and the French Organ School

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Daniel Roth (Organiste Titulaire, St Sulpice, Paris)  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 19:30 David Titterington (Royal Academy of Music)  
Admission £12, (students & under 18s £6)

<https://www.ndfchurch.org/en/organ-concerts-series/>

**Thursday December 29th 2022:  
The London Organ Competition  
St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH**



*Image: The Organ Club*

The London Organ Competition will take place at St. Clement Danes in the Strand starting at 14:00.

We have 12 candidates competing in the **Junior Section** (ages up to and including 16).

Unfortunately, this year we have not had enough candidates for the Senior Section to be viable, so the Competition will be only on this one day.

**Charge** for the day for members attending is £10 to be collected in cash on the day, when the visit notes will be issued.

We are pleased to announce that the judges this year will be:

- Peter Wright, Organist Emeritus of Southwark Cathedral
- Jonathan Hope, Assistant Organist at Gloucester Cathedral.

## 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, not over yet!).

### Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: Stowe School & Stony Stratford

### Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: AGM - St Peter's Church, Nottingham

The AGM will take place at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, and will include an organ recital. Full details nearer the time, but please note the date!

### Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023: Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H 8EP

#### OCSO ENTERTAINS

Five of our young members will take part in a recital for members, followed by refreshments.

Full details in the next newsletter.

### 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 on page 12.**

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-november-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!**

### St Paul's Church Rectory Grove, Clapham, SW4 0DZ

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 19:00 Norman Harper (St George's Cathedral, Southwark)

*Stars and Saints*

Admission: £10

**NB:** Norman Harper's recent CD, *Church bells beyond the Stars*, recorded at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, (reviewed in the last Organ Club Journal 2022/2 p 52 - "a great CD") will be on sale at this and the next listed event at St Paul's Knightsbridge.

### St. Paul's Knightsbridge, London SW1X 8SH

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 19:00 *The Peter Tranchell Centenary Musical Soirée and Reception*

The programme will include organ, piano and choral music by Peter Tranchell, performed by Kevin Bowyer, Organ Club member Norman Harper, James Thomas and the Choir of Gonville & Caius College Cambridge directed by Matthew Martin.

Tickets £5 for the Soirée only, and £35 for Soirée and Reception

More details can be found at:

<https://peter-tranchell.uk/the-peter-tranchell-centenary-musical-soiree-and-reception-26th-november-2022-st-pauls-knightsbridge> .

### Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 9DA

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 13:20 Norman Harper (St George's Cathedral, Southwark)