



# *Recital by* John Challenger

Assistant Director of Music, Salisbury Cathedral

'Challenger displays technical wizardry and infinite sonic variety.' The Guardian

With an introduction by historian, Max Hebditch CBE FSA

# Monday 9 October, 7pm St Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA

Tickets £12 to include a glass of wine Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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# 1. NOTICES

The **Birmingham Tour** is just a couple of weeks away now, and interest has been such that the tour is fully booked! Thanks to our President, Paul Hale, for his heroic efforts in putting together this magnificent tour.

Following which, our President Elect, John Varney, has put together a wonderful day visit to **Redhill and Nutfield** on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, where we will visit three churches.

Full details are to be found in the entry at the start of section 2 below.

#### November 2023 Newsletter contributions

Please email notices by October 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at <a href="mailto:newsletter@organclub.org">newsletter@organclub.org</a>.

John Belling (Newsletter Editor)

# 2. CLUB MEETINGS

### September 13th - 19th 2023: Birmingham tour

Participants should have received an email message from the organiser Paul Hale, which includes a list of participants, the daily schedule and the menu for the tour dinner.

You are asked to indicate your menu choices by return email to Paul Hale as soon as possible.

If you have not received this email from Paul, then please inform him at <u>PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net</u> immediately, as the restaurant needs the menu choices imminently.

We look forward to welcoming members, who will have the chance to play some amazing organs and experience a vibrant city, full of interesting buildings and culture.

\*\*\* Visit the Club's website: <u>www.organclub.org</u>

\*\*\* Follow the Club on Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/TheOrganClub</u>

## Saturday October 21st 2023: Redhill and Nutfield visit

<u>10:30</u> Arrive <u>St. Matthew's Redhill RH1 1DL</u>.

1902 Hunter; major restoration 1981 Hill Norman and Beard; action work c1999 Vincent Coggin.

Gt 9, Sw 12, Ch 6, Ped 5

The church will lay on coffee for which members are asked to make a contribution.

Melvin Hughes, organist, will be on hand to greet us, talk a little about the church, and demonstrate the organ before allowing members to play.

<u>12:00</u> Depart and find lunch in the area.

<u>13:00</u> Arrive at the <u>RC Church of St Joseph, Redhill RH1 1LF.</u>
1991 B C Shepherd & Son: Includes some pipework from c1860 Bevington previously in Holy Innocents, Hammersmith.
Gt 6, Sw 6, Ped 6.
Similar arrangements to St. Matthews if possible.

Depart 14:30.

<u>15:00</u> Arrive at <u>Nutfield St Peter & St Paul, RH1 4JA</u>.
1913 Rest Cartwright; rebuilt 2000 Willis - Gt 10, Sw 12, Ped 4 Again, similar arrangements if possible.
Depart 16:30.

The Club will give donations to all the venues in thankfulness for their kind hospitality.

Members will of course make their own travel arrangements. There are good train services to Redhill, from Reading, London Victoria, Guildford etc.

St. Matthew's Church is a short walking distance from Redhill station. There are parking spaces at the church.

Would members with cars agree to car share travelling from Redhill to Nutfield if possible or share taxis.

Members of the Surrey Organists Association have been invited to join us for this visit.

Meeting charge £5.

Application to me by email, <u>jvarneyguildford@icloud.com</u>, by September 30<sup>th</sup> LATEST please.

#### **MUSIC AT GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, NR30 1NE**

#### WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2023

| SEPTEMBER 6  | ROBBIE CARROLL assistant organist, Norwich Cathedral  |
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| SEPTEMBER 13 | KATJA RUDA mezzo soprano  |
| SEPTEMBER 20 | THE CAROLEAN CHORUS Justin Brindley MD, Karen Smith piano   |
| SEPTEMBER 27 | (in association with the Great Yarmouth Arts Festival)<br>MICHAEL NICHOLAS organist emeritus, Norwich Cathedral |

# **Royal Festival Hall**

## Carol Williams Organ Recital: Mad Rush Sat 23 Sep, 4pm Tickets £20

Vierne: Carillon de Westminster, No.6 from Pièces de fantaisie, Suite No.3, Op.54 Rimsky-Korsakov: The Flight of the Bumble Bee arr. Carol Williams Philip Glass: Mad rush arr. Carol Williams Iver Kleive: Toccata, Store Gud, vi lover deg (Almighty God, we praise Thee) Carol Williams: Twilight, Op.3; Hommage à Vierne, Op.26 Tournemire: Improvisation on Te Deum de Abreu: Tico-Tico no fubá (Samba) arr. Carol Williams J Smith: Midnight Special arr. Carol Williams Desmond: (attrib. Brubeck): Take Five arr. Carol Williams Widor: Toccata from Organ Symphony No.5 in F, Op.42

## St Mary's Church, Streatley

On Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4.00 p.m. there will be a Concert of Organ Music played by Glynne Stackhouse (organist and choir director of St Mary's Church)



Music by Bach, Handel, Avison, Stanley, Pachelbel, Sweelinck, Haydn, Coleridge-Taylor, Lloyd Webber, and Oliphant Chuckerbutty

Refreshments afterwards in the Morrell Room next to the church

Tickets £10 on the door (including refreshments) in support of The Friends of St Mary's, Streatley

### 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.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023: Central London Visit** Please email <u>treasurer@organclub.org</u> for details.

Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 2023: The London Organ Competition - further details nearer to the date.

#### Saturday January 27th 2024: Bloomsbury Organ Day

Paul Hale, Bruce Buchanan and Will Fraser will give presentations, and the concluding recitalist will be Katelyn Emerson (USA).

#### Saturday February 17th 2024: visit to Guildford

A morning visit to St Nicolas, followed by a masterclass with Daniel Moult in the afternoon, at the United Reform Church. Further details will be available later.

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2024: AGM at St Peter's, Nottingham Save the date!

### **3. RECITALS PLAYED OR PROMOTED BY CLUB MEMBERS**

St James the Great, East Hill, Colchester, CO1 2QL

Oct 3rd 13:00 Philip Prior

**Beverly Minster, HU17 0DN** Oct 20th 12:30 Philip Prior

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

**Glyn Lang Memorial Series** 

Sep 20th 13:05 Iestyn Evans (St James's Spanish Place, London)

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall, Westminster)

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Rosemary Evans (St Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware)

#### Windsor Parish Church of St John Baptist, High Street, SL4 1LT

Oct 1st 19:00 Thomas Trotter: inaugural recital on the restored organ (Hunter - restored by Bishops 2023)

Tickets £10; contact Windsor Festival -

https://tickets.windsorfestival.com/sales/autumn-festival-2023/sunday-1st-october/thomas-trotter-inaugural-recit/

#### Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London

Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> 16:00 Carol Williams ["Mad Rush"] Tickets £20

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

All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.Sep 30th16:00James Orford (St Pauls, Knightsbridge, London)Oct 28th16:00Stefan Donner (Vienna)Nov 25th16:00Colin Walsh (Organist Laureate - Lincoln Cathedral)

#### Reading Town Hall, Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

#### Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 13:00

Sep 25<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Harper Dulwich [OC member] Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Christopher Allsop 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/lunchtimeorgan-recital-september-2023.

Also:

#### Sep 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 & 14:00 Heritage Day Event

Join Organ Curator Dr William McVicker and members of the Berkshire Organists' Association in an exploration of the history and sounds of the internationally renowned 'Father' Willis Organ in Reading Town Hall. Find out how it works and listen to some stirring music. Afterwards there will be a chance for members of the public to try the instrument for themselves. Sessions last approximately one hour. FREE – no booking needed!

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

Sep 12th 13:10 Kai Krakenberg (Hussum, Germany)
Sep 26th 13:10 Richard Gowers (St George's, Hanover Square)
Oct 10th 13:10 Arturo Barba
Oct 24h 13:10 tba
Admission free (retiring collection)

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

#### St Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of John Scott's Opening Recital Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30 Anne Page (Concert Organist) Admission £10; refreshments available, donation requested.

#### Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX

Sep 27th12:00Malcolm PearceOct 11th12:00Jonathan WhiteNov 15th12:00Christopher Fletcher-CampbellAdmission £6.50 at the door, complimentary tea/coffee

#### St John the Evangelist RC Church, Duncan Terrace, Islington, N1 8AL

Organ by Walker 1963 Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Simon Thomas Jacobs Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341 <u>https://islingtonchurchconcerts.org/</u> - note new website.

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

| Sep 4th              | 13:00 | Makoto James (Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)          |
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| Sep 11 <sup>th</sup> | 13:00 | Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)                        |
| Sep 18th             | 13:00 | Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)                 |
| Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> | 13:00 | Travis Baker (St Leonard's Church, Streatham, London)    |
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 13:00 | Claudia Grinnell (Winchester Cathedral)                  |
| Oct 9th              | 13:00 | Simona Fruscella (Italy)                                 |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | 13:00 | Makoto James (Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)          |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 13:00 | Alessandro Bianchi (Lugano Anglican Church, Switzerland) |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | 13:00 | Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)                 |
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#### Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH

Organ Matinees 2023, Sundays at 15:00

Sep 17th15:00Matthew Jorysz (Westminster Abbey)Oct 15th15:00Jeremy Lloyd (Rochester Cathedral)Admission free, retiring collection.

#### Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street, London E1 6LY

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Gerard Brooks [Music for trumpets & organ] Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 19:30 David Ponsford (Oxford) Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Tom Bell (RCO) Admission £12 online or at the door. <u>https://www.ccspits.org/organrecitals</u>

#### Fairfield Halls Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG

Sep 21st 13:30 Marilyn Harper (Christ's Chapel Dulwich, London)