

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 21st, 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 16th at the latest to John Belling, Organ Club newsletter editor, at newsletter@organclub.org.

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 PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net 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.

Saturday October 21st 2023: Redhill and Nutfield visit

10:30 Arrive St. Matthew's Redhill RH1 1DL.

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.

12:00 Depart and find lunch in the area.

13:00 Arrive at the RC Church of St Joseph, Redhill RH1 1LF.

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.

15:00 Arrive at Nutfield St Peter & St Paul, RH1 4JA.

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, jvarneyguildford@icloud.com, by September 30th LATEST please.

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 18th 2023: Central London Visit

Please email treasurer@organclub.org for details.

Thursday December 28th & Friday 29th 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 Moulton in the afternoon, at the United Reform Church.

Further details will be available later.

Saturday March 16th 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 18th 13:05 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall, Westminster)

Nov 15th 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 23rd 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 30th 16:00 James Orford (St Pauls, Knightsbridge, London)

Oct 28th 16:00 Stefan Donner (Vienna)

Nov 25th 16:00 Colin Walsh (Organist Laureate - Lincoln Cathedral)

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

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 13:00

Sep 25th Marilyn Harper Dulwich [OC member]

Nov 6th 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/lunchtime-organ-recital-september-2023> .

Also:

Sep 16th 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 24^h 13:10 tba

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Sep 5th 13:10 Travis Baker (St Leonard's, Streatham)

Sep 19th 13:10 Zsombor Tóth-Vajna (Royal College of Music)

Oct 3rd 13:10 James Johnstone (Professor, Royal Academy of Music)

Oct 17th 13:10 Thomas Allery (The Temple Church)

Oct 31st 13:10 Tina Christiansen (Denmark)

Admission free (retiring collection)

St Alphege, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of John Scott's Opening Recital

Sep 2nd 19:30 Anne Page (Concert Organist)

Admission £10; refreshments available, donation requested.

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

Sep 27th 12:00 Malcolm Pearce

Oct 11th 12:00 Jonathan White

Nov 15th 12:00 Christopher Fletcher-Campbell

Admission £6.50 at the door, complimentary tea/coffee

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

Organ by Walker 1963

Sep 30th 19:30 Simon Thomas Jacobs

Admission: free with collection; Angel Tube; buses 4 19 30 38 73 205 341

<https://islingtonchurchconcerts.org/> - note new website.

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

Sep 4th 13:00 Makoto James (Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)

Sep 11th 13:00 Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)

Sep 18th 13:00 Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)

Sep 25th 13:00 Travis Baker (St Leonard's Church, Streatham, London)

Oct 2nd 13:00 Claudia Grinnell (Winchester Cathedral)

Oct 9th 13:00 Simona Fruscella (Italy)

Oct 16th 13:00 Makoto James (Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill)

Oct 23rd 13:00 Alessandro Bianchi (Lugano Anglican Church, Switzerland)

Oct 30th 13:00 Jonathan Rennert (St Michael's Cornhill)

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

Organ Matinees 2023, Sundays at 15:00

Sep 17th 15:00 Matthew Jorysz (Westminster Abbey)

Oct 15th 15:00 Jeremy Lloyd (Rochester Cathedral)

Admission free, retiring collection.

Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial Street, London E1 6LY

Sep 18th 19:30 Gerard Brooks [Music for trumpets & organ]

Oct 16th 19:30 David Ponsford (Oxford)

Nov 20th 19:30 Tom Bell (RCO)

Admission £12 online or at the door.

<https://www.ccsplits.org/organrecitals>

Fairfield Halls Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG

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

St Mary's Church, Streatley

**On Sunday September 17th, 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**

MUSIC AT GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, NR30 1NE

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2023

- SEPTEMBER 6 **ROBBIE CARROLL** *assistant organist, Norwich Cathedral*
- 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)
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



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Dorchester

Organ 200

Celebrating 200 years since the installation of an organ
at St Peter's Church, Dorchester



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

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