

# The Organ Club Newsletter

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## 1. NOTICES

All members who attended the **South Devon tour** last month will want to express their appreciation to Eric Shepherd, Rosemary Evans and other members of the committee, for all the hard work involved in mounting this tour, and for making it such an outstanding success!



Left: our President, John Varney, at the impressive console of the organ at Buckfast Abbey, exercising the Pontifical Trumpet to great effect!

### 2024 Membership Renewals and Contact Information

Members are reminded that the renewal date for subscriptions was the first working day of January. We are still waiting to hear from 11 ordinary rate, and 19 paying the supported young member rate. Once OCJ2024/1 is published, if I have not received your renewal, then non-renewed members will be removed from the mailing list.

The renewal form is on page 2, also be found on the Club's website. IF your contact details are unchanged, there is no need to complete; my address for cheques is on the form, along with detail for electronic banking.

It is essential for both cheques and electronic transfers you state your post code & surname as reference. Should you wish to make a 2-year renewal, simply double your payment.

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## REMINDER: YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP

Please use this form – or a photocopy – to renew your membership.

<b>UK ADULT</b>	£30	<b>UK YOUNG</b> §	£12	<b>JOINT ADULT Member</b> £15[Discount 50%] <b>JUNIOR JOINT RATE £12</b>	<b>DONATIONS:</b> £:
<b>OUTSIDE UK</b> Postal area ADULT	£40	<b>OUTSIDE UK</b> Postal area YOUNG	£22	<i>If more than one young person, £12 pp applies. For the Competition: rates on the application form, per person</i>	<b>TOTAL:</b> £

§ At 1/1/24: All to 18 years, up to 30 years if still in full time unwaged education or in an apprenticeship [not just music]

If you gained the Club a new member during 2023, **please identify who**. A single discount of £5 can reduce your payment.

Your Surname PRINT PLEASE		Title	
First Name			
E-mail: PRINT PLEASE			
Telephone/s:			
Name of Joint member/s at the same address			
Your postal address including post code:			

*GDPR rules: I provide the mailing lists for both printed & e-mail Newsletters, and for the Journal. If a printed Newsletter or Journal is damaged/missing contact me. All membership matters should be directed to the Membership Secretary. Contacting other officers only delays response, and breaches confidentiality.*

### **ELECTRONIC BANKING [Preferred]:**

**Reference:** Your Surname & Postcode/ZIP  
**Amount:** *the sum you are paying*  
**Account name:** The Organ Club  
**Account sort code:** 20-31-52 **Account number:** 00655171

**INTERNATIONAL:** SWIFT: BUKGB22 IBAN: GB27 BUKB 2031 5200 6551 71

May I suggest use of <https://wise.com> – if you do not have access to a £GBP account. It is essential that we receive the correct sum with overseas payments. All currency exchange costs/fees are the responsibility of the member making the payment. *FOREIGN CURRENCY Cheques are no longer accepted by UK banks.*

**CHEQUES:** please put your postcode on the back and send to:

**THE ORGAN CLUB** c/o Mark Jameson, 92 The Hawthorns, CHARVIL, Reading RG10 9TS

My contact for membership purposes: e-mail [markmdjameson@gmail.com](mailto:markmdjameson@gmail.com) 07802 715634

*Thank you for renewing*

Mark Jameson, Hon Membership Secretary

Please do renew as soon as possible. My contact:  
[markmdjameson@gmail.com](mailto:markmdjameson@gmail.com); my phone **07802 715634** [SMS or text, please do not use voicemail].

**PLEASE note my former bt-internet e-mail is discontinued.**

*Mark Jameson (Membership Secretary)*

### **Organ transcription of Dvořák's "New World Symphony"**

Watch the World Online Premiere of Jonathan's performance of his new arrangement of the complete Dvořák "New World Symphony" on the incredible Pipe Organs of Billerbeck Dom, Germany. An EPIC piece of music needs an EPIC pipe organ, and this organ is amazing - it has so many wonderful features, from amazing solo voices, huge Trumpets & Tubas, and a full Carillon which is situated in the 100 metre tall bell tower (playable from the organ!!!). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6d05A6bWtZE>

### **September 2024 Newsletter contributions**

Please email notices by August 20<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)*

## **2. CLUB MEETINGS**

### **Saturday July 20th 2024: Bournemouth Area**

This visit is organised by our President, John Varney.

Members are invited to book for this wonderful visit, ending at the 12<sup>th</sup> century Norman minster, famous for its chained library and its fine new 3 manual organ by Mander 2022, with pipes dating from 1664.

- 10:30 St. Stephen's Bournemouth
- 12:00 Lunch break own arrangements
- 13:30 Arrive All Saints Church, Southbourne
- 15:00 Depart and travel to Wimborne by coach
- 15:45 Wimborne Minster
- 17:30 Visit ends, coach back to Bournemouth

Full details, including visit notes and travel information will be sent to members shortly.

**Visit fee: £15**

If you wish to book for this exciting visit, please contact John Varney, email: [jvarneyguildford@icloud.com](mailto:jvarneyguildford@icloud.com), tel: 01483 574326, as soon as possible please.

## **Saturday August 17th 2024: Maldon (Essex)**

This visit is organised by Andrew Stevens.

We will be visiting three organs, all within easy walking distance of each other in the attractive town of Maldon in Essex.

### **11:00 All Saints P.C., High Street, CM9 4QE**

Originally John Gray 1830 with subsequent rebuilds, the last of which was by Bishops of Ipswich.

Great 11 Swell 12 Choir 8 Pedal 9

### **12:30 Assumption of our Lady, 60A Victoria Road, CM9 5HF**

Originally Gray and Davidson for St Mary's old Harlow.

Moved here and rebuilt by Peter Wood of Thaxted in 1987

Great 5 Swell 7 Pedal 4

Lunch (approx. 13:45 – 15:15) There are many eateries in Maldon but if it's good weather then it's particularly nice down at the pubs in front of the Quay where there are normally several Thames barges moored up, booking could be advisable.

Suggestions are: Fish at the Quay tel: 01621 853463

The Queens Head tel: 01621 854112

Both of these are very close to St Mary's Church.

### **15:30 St Mary's, Church Street, CM9 5HP**

Organ by Klais, moved here in 2020 by Hey Orgelbau of Bavaria and placed on a specially constructed gallery.

Hauptwerk 10 Schwellwerk 8 Pedal 6

Refreshments will be served in the Octagon at 16:30 to 17:00. Donations please.

Maldon has good car parking at around £5.40 for all day parking but please check signs.

Trains from London Liverpool Street to Chelmsford and then bus number 31 or 331 (railway station to bus station = 3 minutes) to All Saints Maldon.

Visit charge £10.

Bookings to [a.stevens405@btinternet](mailto:a.stevens405@btinternet) by August 11<sup>th</sup> please.

## **September 12th – 16th 2024: Isle of Wight**

Bookings for this tour have now closed (with 32 attendees), and the organiser, our Immediate Past President, Paul Hale, will contact attendees directly with further information as necessary.

Please contact Paul, at [PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net](mailto:PaulHale@diaphone.clara.net) if you have any queries.

## 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.

### **Saturday October 19th 2024: Thameside Oxfordshire Village Churches**

This visit is organised by Mark Jameson.

Our plan is to visit four churches – more in the traditional way of local church visits – not quite “Padre Organ Scramble” as traffic no longer allows for this – so with some trepidation I have made arrangements to hire a coach to transport members. I have received many requests for a coach to be provided, but they are expensive and obtained quotes from several operators to get the best value for members.

The churches are booked, and I now need for members to take part – **please book with me asap**. The visit needs to break even, Treasurer not keen for me to confirm the coach without evidence that the visit is viable. **TAXIS & OWN CARS are not an option** because of parking at the first two churches. There is no viable public transport option.

There is another event being held in Dorchester Abbey which is why it is not included in this visit.

#### Schedule:

**09:08** Depart London Paddington [Didcot service]  
**10:30** Pick up at Goring on Thames Station [good parking at this station]  
**11:00 - 12:15** Dorchester St Birinus RC, followed by lunch break §  
**13:35** Board coach to Clifton Hampden [approx 5 minute journey]  
**13:45 - 14:45** Clifton Hampden, St Michael and All Angels, Parish Church  
**15:00 - 16:00** Benson Parish Church of St Helen  
**16:15 -17:45** Warborough, St Laurence. Possible tea/soft drink at end.  
§ suggest bring pack lunch or obtain snack from the various local pubs.

Return to Goring on Thames Station by 18:30, or sooner. 18:18/18:48 train arrives Paddington 19:20/19:52

**Cost: per person: £30**

**Booking to [markmdjameson@gmail.com](mailto:markmdjameson@gmail.com) or text 07802 715634.**

## ORGANS:

**Dorchester, St Birinus:** They have recently had their first pipe organ: the lack of finishing by the builder, slated in another magazine, has now been sorted – and the reason why I waited before including in visit programme. 2018 Aubertin: Great 8,8,4,2,2 $\frac{2}{3}$ ,1 $\frac{3}{5}$ , MIII, Positif: 8,4,2, 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ , 8 Pedal: B16.

**Clifton Hampden, St Michael:** Historic church beside the Thames, organ c1920 Phipps of Oxford. Great: 8,8,8,4,4,2, Clarinet, spare slide, tremulant. Swell: 16[TC], 8,8,8,8,4, Oboe, Pedal: Bourdon 16+8.

**Benson, St Helen:** c1880 Forster & Andrews installed 1905 C H Walker repaired 1988 Robin Rance after water damage. Great: 8,8,8,4,4,2, MII [1988], Clarinet, tremulant. Swell: DD16 [TC], 8,8,8,4,2, Cornopean, Oboe. Pedal: 16, 8.

**Warborough, St Laurence:** Another historic church, with personal family connections. The current main organ, Willis transplanted from Summerfields School, Oxford installed by a village team with guidance by Brian Carlick. Pedale B16, Great: OD8, Claribel Flute 8, P4, Ha F 4\*, F2, MII Swell: 8,8,4,2, Cornopean Swell. \* Flute from A&S organ.

**2<sup>nd</sup> organ,** out of use, only with very careful playing, bellows leaking: Abbott & Smith, not sure of date: Pedal: Harm Bass 32, B16, BF8. Great: OD8, Clarabella 8, Dul8, P4, HF 4, Clarionet 8. Swell: HD8, EG8, LG8, Gems 4, LF4, Horn 8, tremulant. Weather dependent! Seeks a new home!

## **December Friday 27th/Saturday 28th 2024:**

### **London Organ Competition at St Michael's, Cornhill.**

This is a “Major Opportunity for Teenage Organists” – for further details, please head to <https://organclub.org/competition/>.

Entries to be submitted by Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## **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

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

#### Glyn Lang Memorial Series

Jul 17<sup>th</sup> 13:05 Jeremiah Stephenson (All Saints Margaret Street & St Paul's Cathedral – please note: change of organist)

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 13:05 Hamish Wagstaff (All Saints, Margaret Street, London)

Admission free, retiring collection.

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

Organ Matinees 2024, Sundays at 15:00

Jul 21<sup>st</sup> 15:00 Eleni Keventsidou (London Performing Arts Academy)

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Gerard Brooks (Methodist Central Hall, Westminster)

Admission free, retiring collection.

**Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY**

Jul 8<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Royal Academy of Music Student Showcase

Sep 9<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Johannes Geffert "A German Feast"

Admission by programme £15, or online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/organ-concerts-2024-season-3209219>

**St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury, RG14 5HG**

Jul 11<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Rosemary Evans (St Alphege, Burnt Oak)

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 13:10 James Paget (St Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)

Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Stephen Holmes (St. Michael and All Angels', Lambourn)

Admission free, retiring collection.

**St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW**

Jul 9<sup>th</sup> 20:00 Ben Bloor (London Oratory)

Admission: £10.00 at the door, or season membership available.

Jul 11<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Rob Goldfinch & Geoff Willis (Farnham)

**All Saints Church, Down Ampney, Cirencester GL7 5QW**

**\*\*\* Calling all organ and Vaughan Williams fans!! \*\*\***

Vaughan Williams was born in Down Ampney Gloucestershire (and, of course, wrote the hymn tune of the same name to Come down O Love Divine).

The organ (NPOR Number N05700), installed at the behest of the Rector - his father - is 150 years old this year and remains virtually unchanged. It is "a little gem" showing the Builders J W Walker's mid-19<sup>th</sup> century skill and craftsmanship.

To mark this milestone a series of three recitals has been planned for this August to launch a full Conservation programme.

SEE POSTER BELOW FOR DETAILS

**Please come! Please support!**

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

Jul 6<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Daniel Moulton (Concert Organist & Head of Organ,  
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 19:30 Adrian Gunning (St John the Evangelist, Islington)

Admission £10, followed by refreshments £2; cash or cheques only

## **Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1Q**

Lunchtime series: MONDAYS at 13:00

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> Simon Dinsdale (Berkshire)

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Francesca Massey

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-july-2024> .

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!**

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

Jul 9<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Stefan Donner (Vienna)

Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> 13:10 Alex Flood (St Peter's, St Albans)

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Makoto James (St Michael's, Cornhill)

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

Jul 2<sup>nd</sup> 13:10 Andrew Benson-Wilson - *Scheidt & Weckmann*

Jul 16<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Lionel Steuart Fotheringham (Dundee)

Jul 30<sup>th</sup> 13:10 Matilda Johnston (Royal Academy of Music)

Admission free (retiring collection)

## **Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1YG**

Jul 5<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Peter Dyke (Hereford Cathedral)

Admission free (retiring collection)

## **Hereford Cathedral HR1 2NG**

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Jonathan Scott (International Concert Organist)

Admission free with a retiring collection.

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

Jul 8<sup>th</sup> 13:00 George Herbert (Hampton Court Chapel)

Please refer to poster below for details of the above recital.

Jul 15<sup>th</sup> 13:00 David Hardie (Birmingham Cathedral)

Jul 22<sup>nd</sup> 13:00 Eleni Keventsidou (One of the RFH's "Greek Goddesses")

Jul 29<sup>th</sup> 13:00 Makoto James (his farewell recital as Assistant at St Michael's Cornhill; to include Bach's F major Toccata and Sir Julius Benedict's Victorian masterpiece, *Marche des Templiers*)

Admission free (retiring collection)



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

Jul 8<sup>th</sup> 13:20 Ben Bloor (London Oratory)  
Jul 15<sup>th</sup> 13:20 Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)  
Jul 22<sup>nd</sup> 13:20 Daniel Cook (Durham Cathedral)  
Jul 29<sup>th</sup> 13:20 Francesca Massey (International Concert Organist)

Admission free, retiring collection.

**St Paul's Church, Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH**

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 18:15 Christopher Cipkin (Wokingham)

*Music for a Summer Evening*

Admission free (retiring collection)

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

*All recitals free with retiring collection, followed at 5pm by a light buffet.*

Jul 27<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Yarno Missiaen (Belgium)  
Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 16:00 David Hill (conductor and organist)

**St Matthew's, Northampton, NN1 4RY**

*Summer Fête*

Jul 6<sup>th</sup> 13:30 Philip Britcher (Northampton)  
Jul 6<sup>th</sup> 14:45 Philip Britcher (Northampton)

**\*\*\* Recital by Organ Club committee member \*\*\***

**The Temple Church, Temple, London, EC4Y 7BB**

Jul 10<sup>th</sup> 13:15 Philip Luke (Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church)

Admission free (retiring collection)

**LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC**

**in St Michael's Cornhill**

**Monday 8 July, 1pm GEORGE HERBERT (Hampton Court Chapel)**

MOZART Fantasia in f

BRITTEN, arr Lapwood 4 Sea Interludes

Dawn – Sunday morning – Moonlight – Storm

VIERNE Scherzo, from Symphonie 2

BACH Ricercar a 6

MAXWELL DAVIES Farewell to Stromness

## **CHRIST CHURCH SPITALFIELDS**

Commercial St, London E1 6LY  
(Tube: Liverpool Street or Aldgate East)  
2024 Organ Concerts on the  
1735 Richard Bridge / William Drake organ

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**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Admission by programme £15 or online:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/organ-concerts-2024-season-3209219>

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## **ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC STUDENT SHOWCASE**

*programme*

**JASON TANG**

**J S Bach 1685-1750**

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV 656

**Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707**

Ciacona in E minor BuxWV 160

**OPHELIA AMAR**

**J C Kerll 1627-93**

Passacaglia

**Franz Danksagmüller b.1969**

Estampie [2007]

**JEREMY NG**

**Samuel Wesley 1766-1837**

Voluntary in D KO 623

*Largo – Fuga - March*

**JOSHUA SIMÕES**

**Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47**

Prelude and Fugue in d minor

**JOSHUA SIMÕES & JEREMY NG**

**Samuel Wesley 1766-1837**

*Andante & Fuga Alla Capella (from Organ Duet in C major)*

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## August Celebrity Organ Recitals

to launch the Conservation  
Project of the Church's 150  
yr old Walker/Vaughan  
Williams Organ

Tea, coffee and cakes at 10:30am

Recital 11:00 - 11:45am

Sat. August 17<sup>th</sup> *Keith Hearnshaw*

*Concert Organist*

Sat. August 24<sup>th</sup> *Sam Bristow*

*Assistant Organist  
Chelmsford Cathedral*

Sat. August 31<sup>st</sup> *Carleton Etherington*

*Organist and Director  
of Music, Teokesbury Abbey*

**Admission is free but with a retiring collection in aid of the  
Organ Conservation Fund**

**If you are unable to attend but  
would like to donate please use the QR Code:**



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

## **Organ series 2024**

Saturdays at 7.30pm

**25th May Damin Spritzer**

Professor of organ - Oklahoma University

**29th June Joshua Simões**

Royal Academy of Music

**27th July Charles Francis**

Eastman School of Music USA & 1st prize winner of the IAO

**28th September Isabelle Demers**

Concert organist - Schulich School of Music, McGill University, Canada

Admission is free with collection

Angel tube  
buses 4 30 38 43 73 205 341 476

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