

April 2023

Visit to Wollaston and Higham Ferrers. It was great to see members and friends enjoying the visit to Wollaston and Higham Ferrers on 26th March. You can find a detailed visit report in the new *NDOA Newsletter* just published and sent to members. Sincere thanks to Glyn Hughes, Marie Armitage, Alan Cufaupe and everyone involved in making the day so successful.

Stainer's Crucifixion will be performed on **Palm Sunday 2nd April** at All Hallows, Wellingborough, conducted by our Past President and All Hallows DOM Tony Edwards (*right*). All welcome to come and sing, or just attend the performance.

"Sorry about all those words!" Reminiscences on a literary/visual career in 'classical' recordings - a talk by Don Kennedy (Decca Records 1974-76/ EMI Classics 1976-2004) - **Saturday 15th April 2.15pm.** For our next meeting, Don will be giving a talk, with illustrative recordings, based on his experiences as Literary and Photographic Editor for Decca Records and EMI Classics in the Garden Room at St Matthew's Parish Centre, St Matthew's Church, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY. There will be an interval with refreshments and Don will be bringing examples of his projects for attendees to peruse during the break. Everyone welcome.

Roger Smith Memorial Recital - Saturday 13th May 11am. The annual recital at St Mary's Wellingborough in memory of our much-respected former President and Secretary Roger Smith will be given by **David Gibbs** of Kimbolton School, after which members are warmly invited to move to the:

NDOA Members' Recital - Saturday 13th May 2pm. Our Members' Recital will take place on Saturday 13th at 2pm at All Hallows', Wellingborough - please note the change of date from that previously announced, and save the date now and look out for further information soon. Sincere thanks to DoM Tony Edwards who has kindly agreed to host the event. The new *NDOA Newsletter* includes a feature by Tony detailing the exciting forthcoming restoration of the Nicholson organ.

Visit to Church Organ World, Mixbury - Saturday 1st July 10am. A visit is planned to the Mixbury showroom where we will be able to sample organs from their Johannus, Makin and Rogers brands. Do save the date now.

August Bank Holiday - Monday 28th August. We plan to visit Oakham Parish Church for the Bank Holiday organ recital at 11.15am to be given by Peter Davis, Director of Music at Oakham School. There is an opportunity to purchase lunch afterwards at a cost of £7.50. We then plan to visit a church in the north of the county, and conclude the afternoon with tea in Kettering at the kind invitation of our President Elect, John Wilson.

NDOA AGM 2023 - Saturday 4th November. Our 2023 Annual General Meeting will take place at St Peter and St Andrew, Corby, on the afternoon of Saturday 4th November.



**ALL HALLOWS
PARISH CHURCH
WELLINGBOROUGH**

**CRUCIFIXION
BY
SIR JOHN STAINER**

**SUNDAY APRIL 2ND
6.00PM**

Come and sing this favourite Passiontide work in the glorious setting of Wellingborough Parish Church.

Rehearsal at 3pm followed by tea in the Parish Hall with the performance at 6pm for the whole of Wellingborough Deanery

Conducted by Tony Edwards
Director of Music at All Hallows Parish Church

Please contact Tony on TonyE1960@aol.com or 07867 554476 if you would like to come along and sing

Music copies available from Tony

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If you are not a member and would like to attend, or have any queries please contact us by email at president@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

Pause at Six - St Mary's and All Saints', Fotheringhay - Organ Music, Reflections and Prayers during Holy Week with James Parsons takes place every day from Monday 3rd April to Good Friday, 7th April all at 6pm

Music at Christ the Cornerstone, Central Milton Keynes. On Good Friday evening, 7th April at 7.30pm there will be a special programme of **Music for Good Friday**, featuring Kenneth Leighton, Crucifixus Pro Nobis, Boynton - *Slow are the years of light* and Stainer - *Crucifixion*. The evening will include a brief reflection from Revd Wendy Carey. No charge for admission. There will be a retiring collection. On Sunday 16th April at, 6pm at Christ the Cornerstone, there will be a **Festal Choral Evensong for Eastertide**.

Easter Programming on the BBC. Easter Sunday morning service comes live from Southwell Minster at 10am, Songs of Praise from Chester Cathedral (time tba), and Choral Evensong live also from Chester at 3pm. Radio 3 Choral Evensong for Wednesday of Holy Week (4pm) is from Truro.


Heart and Soul - an instrument speaking to the infinite. The organ has always been a vehicle for truly cosmic ideas - for atheists and believers alike. In a BBC Sounds programme, acclaimed Latvian organist Iveta Apkalna explores the idea that the instrument is simply a vehicle for Christian worship digging deeper into how the organ conveys ideas of the infinite and the microscopic, the existential and the personal, of celebration, grief and joy. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct424r?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

Sounds of the Summer brings Ian Tracey to Church Organ World at Mixbury near Brackley on Saturday 13th May. Only £10. Booking essential at sheetorganmusic.co.uk.

All Saints' Oakham brings back its regular Bank Holiday recitals this year beginning with Paul Trepte, former DoM at Ely, on 1st May and Harry Jacques on 29th May - recitals at 11.15am; lunch available thereafter at £7.50.

Martin Setchell will make a welcome return to **St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, on Saturday, 8th July at 7.30pm**, with a concert showcasing *Mr Handel and Friends* with works by Bach, Handel and Guilman, and *In Lighter Mood* including music by Percy Fletcher, Harold Britton's variations on Gershwin's *I got rhythm* and Morricone's *Gabriel's Oboe*. Tickets from Eventbrite (see flyer, right).

Would you like us to publicise your musical events, special services or concerts to our members and friends through *Newsletter Extra*, our social media channels, and our special emails to members? Just let us know at secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk.



PAUSE at SIX
take thirty minutes out to shelve your concerns
just sit in the calm of
St Mary's and All Saints' Church
Fotheringhay (PE8 5HZ)
ORGAN MUSIC, REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS DURING HOLY WEEK
Monday 3 April
Tuesday 4 April
Wednesday 5 April
Thursday 6 April
Good Friday 7 April
all at 6pm
Organist James Parsons plays pieces by Bach, Jehan Alain and others
The Revd Dr Donald McFadyen, The Revd Tom Parsons, Charles Wide and Archdeacon Emerita Fiona Windsor offer contemplative words in a spacious cultural and spiritual context
our warmest welcome whatever you believe
retiring collection at your discretion

Image: George Parsons



St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby
ORGAN CONCERT
Saturday 8th July 2023 - 7.30pm

MARTIN SETCHELL
International Concert Organist, Christchurch, New Zealand

Martin makes a welcome return visit to play the fine 1872 Nicholson Organ, with a concert showcasing *Mr Handel and Friends* with works by Bach, Handel and Guilman, and *In Lighter Mood* including music by Percy Fletcher, Harold Britton's variations on Gershwin's *I got rhythm* and Ennio Morricone's *Gabriel's Oboe* from the film *The Mission*

Tickets only £15 per person including interval refreshments and a glass of wine from eventbrite.co.uk (booking fee applies) or on the door

Full Programme and more details online at eventbrite.co.uk



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