



NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 2/2024

CHRIST IS RISEN - ALLELUIA! May we wish all our members and friends a very happy Easter.

NDOA New Newsletter Published. Our latest quarterly *Newsletter* is winging its way to members. There are detailed articles on the Mander organ at Abington parish church (pictured on the Newsletter cover, left) by DoM Tim Dolan, and on the Lloyd organ in the (now sadly closed) United Reformed Church at Rothwell (below left) by Colin Ashworth.

There's also a brilliant piece on building up a church choir by Tony Edwards, and reports and photos of our Musical Celebration held at Abington, our Members' CD Afternoon, and Oundle for Organists Director Ann Elise Smoot's fascinating presentation on OfO. You can also find reports of Peterborough Cathedral Organist Chris Strange's stellar (sorry! Ed) performance of Holst's *The Planets Suite* which attracted an audience of more than 400 people, our student member William Baker's inaugural recital at All Saints' Northampton, and the Roger Smith Memorial Recital in memory of our much-respected late Hon. Secretary and Past President, Roger Smith, at St Mary's Wellingborough given by John Wearmouth.

If you'd like to write for the *Newsletter* just get in touch with Richard at editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

NDOA Visit to Oakham and Geddington - Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. A visit to Oakham Parish Church for the 11.15am Bank Holiday Organ Recital by Richard Pinel, followed by lunch (£8) and an afternoon visit to St Mary Magdalene, Geddington, where a new Reredos has been installed and the Bevington organ (below, centre and right) can be enjoyed. Please pre-book lunch via John Wilson by mid-April - johnfwilson@btopenworld.com.

NDOA Visit to Ringstead, Raunds and Hargrave - Saturday 8th June. We meet at St Mary's, Ringstead at 10.30am to play the [1925 S.F. Dalliday instrument](#) installed here in 1990. We then move to St Peter's Raunds, with its iconic Grade I-listed [3-manual Conacher](#), restored by Nicholsons in 2006, and lunch at a local hostelry. At 2.30pm we meet at All Hallows, Hargrave to experience the delights of the 3-manual Viscount Envoy organ. Details of the project and recordings are at [All Hallows Church in Hargrave, Northamptonshire - Viscount Organs](#). You can join or leave at any time during the day.





NDOA sponsors Peterborough Cathedral Summer Organ Recital Series.

The Association is delighted to be sponsoring the new Summer Series of lunchtime organ recitals at Peterborough Cathedral. Recitals will take place on Wednesdays 12th, 19th, and 26th June and 3rd and 10th July - all at 1pm. Entry will be free, with a retiring collection. More details of organists and their programmes will follow but do please put the dates in your diaries now. We will have a small stand at the recitals to promote the Association - offers to help staff our stand would be very much appreciated, to editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk please.



Creative Oundle for Organists - Oundle School Chapel, Thursday 4th April 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the students' closing recital of Oundle for Organists' *Pulling Out All the Stops* course on Thursday 4th April at 2pm on the Frobenius Organ of Oundle School Chapel. This is an great chance to hear the next generation of organists, and experience for yourself the excellent work which OfO does under the direction of Ann Elise Smoot.

Thomas Moore St Matthew's Northampton - Monday 1st April at 3pm. St Matthew's DoM Tom Moore's programme includes music by Mendelssohn, Bach and John Weaver. Admission free, retiring collection.

Thomas Moore All Saints' Northampton - Thursday 4th April at 1.10pm. Tom is very busy this week and also plays the latest in the monthly Lunchtime Live recital series at All Saints!

Jonathan Kingston St Mary and St Giles Stony Stratford - Monday 8th April 12.30pm. Our Past President Jonathan Kingston is 'at home' on the fabulous Willis at SMSG for the monthly lunchtime recital - usually preceded by refreshments to purchase from 12 noon.

Ivan Linford St Mary the Virgin, Little Houghton NN7 1AB - Saturday 27th April 7pm. Ivan Linford plays the 1846 Hill organ originally from West Bromwich parish church, restored and installed here in 2000. Refreshments will be served. Retiring collection.

James Lloyd Thomas and Lizzie Peacock All Saints' Northampton - Thursday 2nd May at 1.10pm. James and Lizzie perform delightful music for organ and harp for the monthly Lunchtime Live recital in May.

David Saint at Hinckley URC - Saturday 18th May 3pm. Come and hear David Saint, DoM of St Chad's, Birmingham, play this super historic Holdich. Admission only £5, free for U18/students.

Oakham Parish Church Bank Holiday Recitals - Bank Holiday Mondays at 11.15am continue this year and have a Northamptonshire theme - not just with NDOA's visit for **Richard Pinel's** recital on **6th May** (see *overleaf*) but with NDOA members **Andrew Reid** (formerly of St Matthew's, Peterborough Cathedral, RSCM and Harrison and Harrison) on Monday 27th May and **Simon Johnson** (formerly of All Saint's, St Paul's and now Westminster Cathedral) on Monday 26th August.

RCO Podcast. The latest RCO podcast features the new H&H at the Guards' Chapel, the National Pipe Organ Register, and Thomas Trotter on 40 years as Birmingham City Organist. [Listen to The Organ Podcast \(rco.org.uk\)](http://rco.org.uk).

C V Stanford Anniversary. RSCM is celebrating the Stanford centenary [Stanford Centenary | RSCM](http://stanfordcentenary.rscm.org.uk) in style with events and publications, including the publication of an all-Stanford *Come and Sing Evensong* booklet for only £5.95 plus p&p [Come & Sing Stanford Evensong by Charles Villiers Stanford - Choral Book \(rscmshop.com\)](http://rscmshop.com) - well worth having even if only to play through. BBC Radio 3 Composer of the Week featured Stanford's work recently and all five episodes are available at [BBC Sounds - Composer of the Week - Available Episodes](http://bbc.com/radio3/composeroftheweek). Last, but definitely not least, a substantially revised edition of Stanford scholar Jeremy Dibble's seminal work [Stanford Charles Villiers Stanford: Man and Musician](http://stanfordcharlesvilliers.com) is published on 9th April. Not cheap at £70, but perhaps *the* Stanford book to have.

Something different. Your Editor recently came across this delightful arrangement of [The Staff of Faith \(My Faith It Is an Oaken Staff\) \(youtube.com\)](http://youtube.com) for organ and trumpet by the talented US composer and performer **Hilton Kean Jones**, formerly Professor of Music at the University of South Florida School of Music in Tampa, FL. There's much more of Hilton's work to explore, enjoy and purchase at [Hilton Kean Jones - music composition](http://hiltonkeanjones.com).

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