

## **NEWSLETTER EXTRA**

**July 2024** 

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. The remaining recitals will take place on Wednesday 3rd July with Jeffrey Makinson (Lincoln) and 10th July with Chris Strange, Peterborough's own Organist. The recitals commence at 1pm; entry is free, with a retiring collection. This is a new venture both for the Cathedral Music Department and the Association and it's a delight to see so many people enjoying them - do please come and join us! We would love to see you there for any or all of the recitals. Lunch and refreshments are available to purchase in the fabulous Becket's Tearooms at the Cathedral.

NDOA Late Summer and Autumn Events On Saturday 10th August we will host a Reluctant Organists' Day. This is an opportunity for anyone who can play a keyboard to try a pipe organ – and become less reluctant to play for services, other events, or just their own enjoyment. We will have use of a two-manual organ at Toller United Reform Church, and a 3-manual instrument at Fuller Baptist Church, both in Gold Street, Kettering. Toller is at 2.30pm, and Fuller at 3.30pm. We can also visit the Carey Museum about Kettering's first missionary to India which is at Fuller Baptist Church. Feel free to come to either or both churches.

Then on **Saturday 26th October**, we will enjoy a **Members' Recital** on the magnificent 3-manual Walker organ in St Peter & St Paul, Kettering. Any member is welcome to play, and there will be opportunity for practice. Not limited to solo organ!

Finally, our **AGM** will take place at 2.30pm on **Saturday 9th November** at All Hallows', Wellingborough, followed by a musical event. Further details of all these events will follow, but meanwhile do please save the dates!

Daniel Moult at Castle Ashby House Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm. Daniel Moult, the acclaimed international concert organist, will make a much-anticipated return visit to Castle Ashby House on Saturday 21st September following his sold-out concert in 2022. The programme includes Handel, Bach, Mozart, Stanford and Fletcher, and is designed to showcase the delightful 1884 Nicholson Organ of the Great Hall. Tickets are now on sale at £25 (plus booking fee) including refreshments from Richard at <a href="mailto:editor.ndoa@gmail.com">editor.ndoa@gmail.com</a>. The capacity of the Great Hall is strictly limited and all tickets must be pre-booked. Book now for a marvellous evening of music in this magnificent setting.



Lunchtime Live All Saints' Northampton. All Saints' Church, Northampton - Music : Lunchtime Live (allsaintsnorthampton.co.uk). On Thursday 4th July at 1.10pm Jem Lowther and Laurence Caldecote perform an organ recital - Two Organists, Three Organs and a grand piano! The Programme will include Handel's Organ Concerto in F, Haydn's Piano Concerto in D - and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever!

Philip Bricher performs three recitals locally in July and August and would love to see as many members and friends as possible. On Saturday 6th July he is at St Matthew's, Northampton, at 1.30pm and 2.45pm - time subject to confirmation - see the church's social media - then on Saturday 27th July he is at St Mary's, Higham Ferrers for its regular Farmers' Market Recital, and on Sunday 18th August he is at Christ Church, Northampton on the recently installed Viscount digital instrument.

**William Baker**, one of our student members, will be playing some French music in concert at St Mary Magdalene, Geddington on **Saturday 13th July** at 7pm. Tickets only £10, including a glass of wine, available on the door or from events@geddingtonweekleychurch.org.uk.

**Northampton Bach Choir** presents a Gala Concert **A Night at the Opera** at Christ Church, Northampton on **Saturday 6th July** at 7.30 pm. Tickets £20 O60 £18 U16 £10 online or at the door details from www.northamptonbachchoir.org.uk.

Milton Keynes Cornerstone Young Voices Choir, pianist Yiding Wang and Violinist Sean Lau are in concert at Freeman Methodist Church, Bletchley MK3 5HH on Saturday 6th July at 7.15pm.

Organ Reborn - Norwich Cathedral Organ Festival 6th - 14th July. Celebrating the rebuilding of the cathedral organ by Harrison and Harrison, Norwich Cathedral is holding a week-long organ festival. Highlights include Three Cathedral Choirs of Norwich, Ely and Peterborough, the BBC Singers and the Britten Sinfonia, Anne Page, David Briggs, Anna Lapwood and Donald MacKenzie. A full programme of choral services runs though the festival week, including Choral Evensong broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 on 10th July, and so much more. With three headline concerts, six organ recitals, two talks and more, there is a packed programme of events to look forward to. Full details at Organ Festival | Norwich Cathedral.

IAO Organ Festival - York 25th - 29th July. The festival includes recitals at York Minster, Beverley Minster and Bridlington Priory, as well as events and an open-console day at a number of churches in York, and the finals of the IAO/RCO Young Organists' Competition. Full details are online at Festival Invitation | The Incorporated Association of Organists (iao.org.uk).

The new Dobson organ - St James, King St., Sydney - Inaugural Recital Friday 26th July. So you may think that it's a long way to travel to Australia to hear James O'Donnell perform the inaugural recital on the new Bicentennial Organ - but you can purchase online access to hear what will be one of the most significant organs in the southern hemisphere. St James' International Organ Festival: James O'Donnell | Humanitix

**RCO Podcast.** The latest RCO podcast features Anna Lapwood, the organ of an abandoned Monastery, and the organ crisis in Scotland. Listen to The Organ Podcast (rco.org.uk).

Organ Building vol.23. The Institute of British Organbuilding has published its latest annual review of organ building in the UK - new organs, restorations and so much more, all in full colour in a very high quality format. Available from their webstore The Institute of British Organ Building (ibo.co.uk) at £21.50 plus delivery.

**Cathedral Ceilings - Always Look Up!** Do check out the Association of English Cathedral online summer exhibition <u>Cathedral Ceilings - Always Look Up - The Association of English Cathedrals.</u>

**NDOA Membership.** Are you reading this but not already a member? Do please consider joining us - we serve Northampton & District but have members as far afield as Australia and New Zealand! Membership is only £10 per year, £15 for families and corporates (including churches) and free for students. Contact details below.

**NDOA Online.** Just a reminder that we are on social media. We'd love some more Facebook followers - why not follow or like us now! https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonOrganists/.

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