

January 2025

**A very happy New Year
to all our members and friends.**

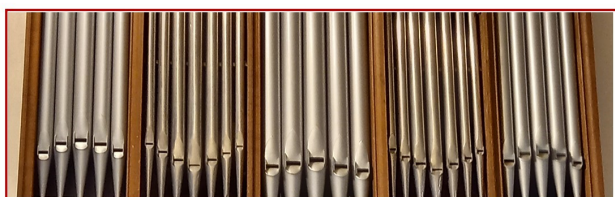


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NDOA presents a
**CONCERT FOR EPIPHANY
AND THE NEW YEAR**

St Peter and St Paul
Abington Park Northampton
NN3 3AB

Saturday 18th January at 2pm

Come and enjoy an informal afternoon of seasonal music-making,
including items for organ, piano, chorale, and 'fun' items by
NDOA members and friends.

The concert will be followed by refreshments
Everyone is welcome - admission free

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A Concert for Epiphany and the New Year. On **Saturday 18th January at 2pm** we host a Concert for Epiphany and the New Year at Ss Peter & Paul, Abington. This is an informal afternoon of seasonal music for all. Abington is a warm and welcoming church in every sense of the word so don't worry about being cold! The event is open to all, completely free, and followed by refreshments. Do come and bring your friends!

Members' CD Choice Afternoon 2025 will be held on **Saturday 15th February at 2pm** at the home of Alan and Gabriela Cufaude in Northampton - many thanks to Alan and Gabriela for their hospitality. Alan's audio equipment caters for CD, USB, video, DVD and more besides. We share our favourite music, and then enjoy a nice tea, to which members can contribute. Full details will be circulated to members shortly.

NDOA Membership - subscriptions now due! Our annual subscriptions are only £10 for individual membership, £15 for family or corporate membership (including churches) and entirely free for student members, including emailed *Newsletters* and *Newsletter Extras*. Just £10 extra for printing and postage gets you a high-quality professionally printed A5 copy of each quarterly *Newsletter*. You can pay by cheque, PayPal or bank transfer - but if you can pay by bank transfer that avoids additional charges - Sort Code: 56-00-60 Account: 05476240 Account Name: Northampton & District Organists Assn. We believe our membership represents excellent value - the basic subscription of £10 is at the same level as thirty years ago, and our student members can also access support and potential funding from the David Morgan Education Fund. www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join.

NDOA Newsletter. Our latest quarterly *Newsletter* is on its way to members. It's a bumper edition, with reports of our Members' Recital in Kettering and our AGM at All Hallows, Wellingborough (both illustrated with superb photos by Robin Palmer) and an article on life as a cathedral organ scholar by Harvey Stansfield, former organ scholar at Peterborough, who is now assistant organist at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh. There's also a fascinating exposition of the Holdich organ at Benefield by Colin Ashworth, a report on the Organ Historical Trust of Australia visit to Brisbane by Stephen Taylor, lots of recital reports from Helen Murphy and John Wilson, Paul Hale's Wonderful World of the Pipe Organ, and so much more - thank you to them all. Don't miss it!

Could you write a piece for the *Newsletter* about the organ you play, or your favourite organ music? Do get in touch today - editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk.





STAR ORGANS OF BRITAIN 2025



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Star Organs of Britain Calendar 2025. If you're still looking for a 2025 calendar, Andrew Hayden's brilliant Star Organs calendar features the newly-relocated Holdich instrument at St Peter's, Oundle, and the lovely Andrew Freeman case of the Roger Yates organ at St Mary's, Bozeat. [Star Organs - Products](#) at £23.25 including P&P.

NDOA Centenary Organ Book. The six organ pieces from our Centenary Organ Book performed at our recent Members' Recital are available to download at [Centenary Projects | Northampton & District Organists' Association](#).

New Year Organs. Parish Mass at St Matthew's, Northampton at 10.15 on New Year's Day is scheduled to close with Bach's beautiful New Year chorale prelude *In dir ist Freude* BWV 615. If you're spending the New Year in Norfolk, Norwich features recitals at the Cathedral by David Dunnett at 11am and at St Peter Mancroft by Julian Haggett at noon. If you're at home, there's an online recital via Zoom by Makato James from St Michael's Cornhill in London at 1pm. [St Michael's Cornhill 1 Jan 2025 - Organ Recitals](#).

Epiphany Carols at All Hallows', Wellingborough. On Sunday 12th January at 6pm there is traditional Epiphany Carol Service at All Hallows', where of course our President Tony Edwards is DoM. You will be made very welcome.

Bloomsbury Organ Day 2025 at Bloomsbury Baptist Church in London is on Saturday 25th January. Always a superb event, it includes recitals by Ben Collier and Evan

Laurence, and presentations on Norwegian Organ Music, the Pipe Up for Pipe Organs scheme and the Willis Dynasty, and is followed by David Briggs' Celebrity Organ Recital. Details and booking via [Organ Day 2025](#).

IAO London Organ Day 2025 at St Botolph without Aldgate and the German Lutheran Church nearby is on Saturday 1st March - [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists](#). Our Past President, Shanna Hart, is DoM at St Botolph and will introduce the Harris organ.

Play the Organ Year 2025. Play the Organ Year is a year-long effort by the whole organ-playing community to increase the number of people learning the organ and enjoying live and recorded organ music. NDOA's events will be supporting it throughout the year. Details at [Play the Organ Year 2025 \(rco.org.uk\)](#). Gerard Brooks' launch recital at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster is on Sunday 19th January at 3pm. Admission free, tickets from [Play the Organ Year Launch Concert Tickets, Sun, Jan 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

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Laurence Caldecote at St Pancras. Many will know our member, Laurence Caldecote, from his role at All Saints', Northampton, and his frequent concerts as part of the *Lunchtime Live* series. You may even know that Laurence is also a very talented piano technician. But did you know that he looks after the pianos on the concourse at St Pancras station? Before Christmas, he was interviewed by BBC London in a fascinating piece about his role and the pianos at the station - listen again on BBC Sounds by searching for BBC London's Salma El-Wardeny breakfast show from 18th December. Laurence's interview starts 2h18m into the recording.

Notre Dame Organ Rededication. The re-dedication of the Grand Organ of Notre Dame de Paris took place as part of the re-opening of the cathedral in December, with improvisations under the masterful hands of Olivier Latry and the other organists of the cathedral. You can find the France24 coverage at <https://youtu.be/CLLFxQhWmeY>.

'Events, dear boy, events...' The famous quote may, or may not, have originated with then-Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. If you organise or promote concerts, recitals or musical events, we will be very pleased to help you spread the word - but if you don't tell us, we can't! Details to the Editor or Helen, please!

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