



# Roger Smith Memorial Organ Recital At St Mary the Virgin Wellingborough

**Saturday 1st March 2025  
at 11:00am**

A recital in memory of Roger Smith, past organist  
and Musical Director Emeritus at  
St Mary's church.

Including works by H. Murrill, P. Whitlock, J. Krebs,  
J. Stanley, Louis Vierne, P. Cochereau,  
C. Saint - Saëns, and W. T. Best



**Ian Runnells**  
Organist

Free entry, with a retiring collection to be shared  
between the Motor Neurone Disease Association  
and St Mary's Church.

With refreshments and cake stall to follow  
afterwards where all proceeds will be donated to  
the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Knox Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 1PX

**Bishop's Award for Helen Murphy.** We are delighted to report that our Secretary, Helen Murphy, has received the Bishop's Award in recognition of her outstanding service. Fuller details in the forthcoming quarterly *Newsletter*.

**Requiescat in Pace.** NDOA is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our long-standing member **Roger Tivey** and of Northampton musician **Stephen Meakins**, and conveys the Association's sincere condolences to their families and friends. A fuller appreciation will appear in the next *Newsletter*.

**The Roger Smith Memorial Organ Recital** in memory of our former President and Secretary, Roger Smith, will be given by **Ian Runnells** at St Mary the Virgin, Knox Road, Wellingborough, on **Saturday 1st March at 11am**.

**NDOA Northampton Organs Visit.** On **Saturday 15th March** we will visit the Walker and Monk organs at All Saints', George Row; the Henry Willis of St Andrew's Hospital Chapel, and the Peter Conacher of Victoria Road Congregational Church. Meet at All Saints' Bistro in the church at 10.30am where lunch will also be available. We are most grateful to friends at All Saints', St Andrew's and Victoria Road, and to Alan Cufaude and Tony Edwards for arranging the day. Fuller details will be sent to members and further information is available from our President at [president@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:president@northamptonorganists.org.uk).

**NDOA Rugby School Visit.** On **Saturday 17th May** we will visit four organs at Rugby School. Meeting at 11am at the Music Schools, we are privileged to visit Richard Tanner's own Škrabl organ, and the Memorial Chapel where we will hear and play the 2-manual 1923 Harrison and Harrison. A light lunch is available (likely cost £9 per head, booking essential) at the Raglan Arms, after which we will visit the 3-manual Bryceson organ of the Temple Speech Room and the magnificent 2001 4-manual Kenneth Jones and Associates organ of the Chapel. Our visit will be hosted by Ian Wicks, Head of Keyboard, and we are most grateful to Ian, Richard Tanner, and to Robin Palmer for arranging the visit. Please note that the organs in the Memorial Chapel and Temple Speech Room are accessed by steep steps and a spiral stone staircase respectively, and we will of course need to follow the School's Visitor Policy. Fuller details nearer the time but please let Helen know if you are attending [secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk).

**William Baker at All Saints'.** The Lunchtime Live concert at All Saints', Northampton, on **Thursday 6th March** will be given by our student member and All Saints' Organ Scholar William Baker. William's programme will comprise Bach's Trio Sonata No 1 in E-flat major, BWV 525 and Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata No.4 in B-flat major, Op.65.

**Northampton Philharmonic Choir** will present a performance of **Haydn's The Creation** on **Sunday 29th March** at **St Matthew's, Northampton**, conducted by their musical director (and St Matthew's DoM) Thomas Moore. Tickets are available online via the choir's website at [Forthcoming Northampton Philharmonic Choir Concerts](http://Forthcoming Northampton Philharmonic Choir Concerts).

## A Visit to 4 Organs at 3 Very Different Places of Worship in Northampton

**Saturday 15th March 2025 - 10.30 am**

Hear and play four fascinating organs at three  
Northampton churches/chapel within a mile apart

- the lovely J. W. Walker & Sons and Alfred Monk  
organs at

**All Saints' Church**

- the fascinating Henry Willis 1894 organ at

**St Andrew's Hospital Chapel**

This will include a short talk by **Rev Peter Sellick**, about the  
chapel and the role of the chaplaincy, and an even shorter  
talk by **Alan Cufaude** about the Henry Willis organ,

- and the intriguing Peter Conacher organ at

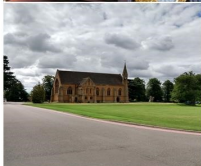
**Victoria Road Congregational Church**

Meet at All Saints' Bistro, George Row,  
Northampton NN1 1DF at 10.30 am for coffee  
and an 11.00am start.

After the first and second organs there will be a chance for  
members and friends to have lunch at the All Saints' Bistro  
**All are welcome**

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](mailto:president@northamptonorganists.org.uk).

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**CRUCIFIXION**  
by  
**SIR JOHN STAINER**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**6.00PM**  
**MEARS ASHBY CHURCH**

**Tenor: Matthew George**  
**Bass: Stephen George**

**With the choirs and singers from the**  
**Wellingborough Deanery**

**Organist: Alan Cufaude**  
**Conductor: Tony Edwards**

Come along and start Holy Week with meditative  
Hymns & Music

**NDOA sponsors Peterborough Cathedral's 2025 Summer Organ Recital Series.** We are delighted to be sponsoring Peterborough Cathedral's 2025 summer series on Wednesdays at 1pm, admission free, retiring collection. Do save the dates now:

- 21st May – David Hill (Concert Organist)
- 28th May – David Hardie (Birmingham)
- 4th June – Adam Heron (Peterborough)
- 11th June – Graham Thorpe (Bradford)
- 18th June – Ben Morris (York)
- 25th June – Claudia Grinnell (Bury St Edmunds)
- 2nd July – William Saunders (Concert Organist)
- 9th July – Chris Strange (Peterborough)

**NDOA dates for your diary.** We are also planning further events for your delectation over the coming months, to include the following. More details as these are confirmed and finalised but do please hold the following dates:

- 21st June, 7pm - an Organ Quiz at All Hallows church hall with Paul Edwards. Admission £5 to include light refreshments.
- 12th July, 7pm - President's BBQ.
- 28th August - Bank Holiday Organ Crawl.
- 18th October - an all-day visit to Windsor and Eton, including the organs of Eton, evensong in St George's Chapel, and an evening visit to the chapel.
- 15th November, 2.30pm - NDOA AGM and Vespers, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough.

**Stainer's Crucifixion** will be performed by choirs and singers from across the Wellingborough Deanery and beyond at **All Saints', Mears Ashby**, on **Palm Sunday, 13th April at 6pm**. Our President, Tony Edwards, will conduct the performance, and our member Alan Cufaude will play the organ, which is a lovely two-manual Hill dating from 1903. Do come along and join in this devotion at the start of Holy Week.

**NDOA Centenary Organ Book.** The six organ pieces from our Centenary Organ Book performed at our recent Members' Recital are available to download free of charge at [Centenary Projects | Northampton & District Organists' Association](#). Do tell us if you perform any of the pieces - we're sure you'll enjoy them.

**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.

**Ian Tracey** will perform Church Organ World's **Sounds of the Summer** event at COW's Mixbury showroom on Saturday **3rd May**. Always an excellent (and sold-out) event, this year a Registration Clinic will be included, with Ian advising on hymn-playing and on registering a single piece. Tickets and details from '[Sounds of the Summer](#)' at [Mixbury Ticket: Saturday 3rd May 2025 - Sheet Organ Music](#). The ticket price is a donation to the organs of Liverpool Cathedral. Book now!

**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 \(rco.org.uk\)](#).

**Celebrity Organ Concerts at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire** take place on 11th March - Nathan Laube (New York), 25th March - Pier Damiano Peretti (Vienna) and 8th April - Daniel Moulton (London, Birmingham). All performances take place 6–7 pm on the beautiful instruments by Drake and Flentrop of the Organ Studio at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (Postcode: B4 7XR). Entry is free, but seating is limited, so kindly reserve a place at [What's On - Concerts and Events - Royal Birmingham Conservatoire | Birmingham City University](#)

**NDOA Newsletter.** Our next quarterly Newsletter is scheduled to be issued to members in April - don't miss it!

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ORGAN  
YEAR 2025**

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