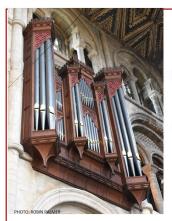
NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

July 2025



NDOA is delighted to support the

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL **SUMMER** ORGAN RECITAL **SERIES 2025**

Wednesdays at 1pm Admission free Retiring collection

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)

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St Mary the Virgin | Finedon Free Organ Concert



Wednesday 2nd July, 10.30am

Angela Hicks, soprano

Florence Rousseau, organ

Works by Croft, Bennett, Clarke, Greene, Keeble, Stanley.

Florence Rousseau
Florence is an organist based in Brittany. She studied in Rouen and Lyon Conservatoires with
Liesbeth Schlumberger, Jean Boyer and Louis Thiry, Florence is titular organist at Rennes
Cathedral, she teaches at Saint-Malo Conservatory and she regularly gives recitals in Europe. She is artistic director of the festival "La Route des Orgues" based in the town of
Saint-Malo. She has recorded several CDs including a Bach album on the Glauchau Silber-

St Mary the Virgin Finedon, Church Hill, NN9 5NR

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 put the dates in your diary now and come along and support NDOA and the cathedral music department.

The final recitals in the series are:

- 2nd July William Saunders (Concert Organist)
- 9th July Chris Strange (Peterborough)

This is a chance to hear the splendid Peterborough cathedral Hill organ at its best. The recitals to date have been quite spectacular and well-supported - Claudia Grinnell (DoM at St Edmundsbury Cathedral) not only bringing Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565 back to the performance repertoire with great verve at her recital on 25th June, but also playing a medley from The Sound of Music which she had herself arranged for the funeral of a musical cleric.

Do please try to come to the final recitals - you will not be disappointed!

NDOA President's BBQ. Our President, Tony Edwards, has most generously agreed to host an NDOA BBQ at his home in Wilby on the evening of Saturday 12th July. More details will be circulated to members shortly - do come along for an evening of food and friendship. Perfect weather has been booked!

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

- 25th August Bank Holiday Organ Crawl.
- \Diamond 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, Knox Road, Wellingborough.

NDOA Quiz Night. We are very sorry that our Quizmaster, Paul Edwards, was not able to join our planned Quiz Night on Saturday 21st June and apologise for any inconvenience arising because of the cancellation at short notice. We send Paul our best wishes for a speedy recovery, and look forward to rescheduling the Quiz Night in due course.

Florence Rousseau (organ) and Angela Hicks (soprano) at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon. There will be a free organ concert at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon, at 10.30am on Wednesday 2nd July. The concert will feature works by Croft, Bennett, Clarke, Keeble and Stanley.

Florence is organiste titulaire at Rennes Cathedral, and teaches at the Rennes Conservatoire. She is also director of the organ festival La Route des Orgues based in Saint-Malo. If you'd like a musical day, you can attend the Finedon concert at 10.30 am and still have time to be at Peterborough for 1pm!



Flower Festival 'As You Like it'

Saturday 5th July 10.30am – 5.00pm Sunday 6th July 11.00noon – 5.00pm Admission £1 to include a programme

Raffle

Books

Refreshments

Tombola

<u>Saturday Concert – 7pm in Church</u>

Cakes

The concert will feature performances on organ, two pianos and flute, showcasing a blend of styles from Bach to Bernstein, leading up to a thrilling finale.

Admission £10 including glass of wine Tickets: on the door or email: events@geddingtonweekleychurch.org.uk

All proceeds to Church Funds



President's Presentation at Rugby School. On 17th June, our President, Tony Edwards and member Robin Palmer attended the final Festal Choral Evensong in the Rugby school Chapel before the summer break. It was a wonderful occasion and on our arrival the huge Chapel bell was ringing across the School, which is a very rare occurrence. The congregation numbered around 150, and the choir some 60 members of treble voices, Choral Scholars and the Lay Clerks. The music was amazing and included the Versicles and Responses by Bernard Rose, a setting of the 150th Psalm by Charles Villiers Stanford, and the Canticles in D by George Dyson.

The anthem was a setting of the glorious words from Isaiah 6: 1~4 set to music by Sir John Stainer - I saw the Lord - which is a large scale anthem fitting for the week after Trinity Sunday. The sound of the choir was marvellous and you can see why Radio 3 wanted to broadcast a live Choral Evensong from the chapel in February this year. After the service, Tony had the pleasure of meeting Ian Wicks who was the organist for the service and is also Director of Keyboard at the School. Ian was presented with a cheque from the Association as a thank you for all he did with regard to the Association's trip there in May. Both he and the music staff were so good to us allowing us to play the school's organs as well as telling us about what Rugby had to offer. Ian said he would love to see us again in the future and I hope this is something that will take place.

Roger Sayer at Christ Church, Oxford. Roger Sayer will play the Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert at 8 pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Wednesday 2nd July. Admission free in person (no tickets required), and online live-stream at https://youtube.com/live/AxlxZJSfWp8.

Lunchtime Live at All Saints' Northampton on Thursday 3rd July at 1:10pm sees Laurence Caldecote and Jem Lowther presenting an organ and piano duet. Free to enter. All welcome.

Geddington Concerts. Our members are busy! Chris Hills and William Baker feature in an organ, piano and flute concert on Saturday 5th July, and James Lloyd Thomas conducts the Camerata Singers on Sunday 6th - see flyers on the left.

Saturdays at 4 at St Matthew's, Northampton. Details from <u>St Matthew's Church : Music - Forthcoming Musical Events.</u>

Oundle for Organists. Events this year will include Gerard Brooks at Titchmarsh on 11th August at 4.30pm, Francesca Massey at Oundle School Chapel on 13th August at 9.15pm, Henry Fairs at Oundle School Chapel on 15th August at 1pm, William Whitehead on 16th August at 11am at Fotheringhay, Festival Choral Eucharist on 17th August at 11am at Fotheringhay and a Closing Recital at Oundle School Chapel on 17th August at 2pm. Details at creativeoundle.co.uk.

Oakham Recitals. Monday 25th August at 11.15 Andrew Caskie (Malvern Priory - and Managing Director of Nicholson and Co. Ltd) Entrance free, with a retiring collection. Lunch, provided by a local delicatessen, Otters, at £10 per head.

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