

Newbury and District Organists'
Association
presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

given by

CHRIS TOTNEY

(Head of Keyboard Studies, St. Mary's School, Calne & Director of Music, St. John's, Devizes)

**Thursday, 12th April 2018
at 1:10 pm**



**at St Nicolas Church,
Bartholomew Street,
Newbury, RG14 5HG**



**Admission Free Retiring
Collection**

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Chris Totney has been Head of Keyboard Studies at St Mary's School, Calne for just over two years, following nine years' teaching at Dauntsey's School. At Calne, he teaches piano and A Level Music, as well as being involved in the work of numerous choirs, concerts, services and examination sessions. He hails from Stourbridge, West Midlands, where he first studied organ with Andrew Fletcher, before moving on to Durham University with Keith Wright. Whilst there, he released a CD as conductor of University College Chapel Choir under the Lammas label and spent two years as Organ Scholar at the cathedral under the direction of James Lancelot, gaining both the Associateship and Choral Directing diplomas from the Royal College of Organists.

For ten years Chris was Assistant Organist to the Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy, before standing down in 2013 to help develop the Diocese of Salisbury's PipeUp Scheme for young organists. He now serves on the committees of the Salisbury Diocesan Music in Worship and Choral Festival groups, as well as the Wessex branch of the RSCM. As a pianist, he has been called upon to be a guest performer with the North Wiltshire Symphony Orchestra and has made appearances alongside Andrew Carwood, Bob Chilcott, John Rutter and Gordon Stewart as a workshop accompanist at large-scale regional events.

In 2011, Chris's choral work, *The Mystery of Christ*, was one of two winning entries at the King James Bible Composition Awards and is published by the RSCM, along with a very accessible set of unison-voice Evening Canticles originally written for Durham Cathedral and Choir School. He has also just been commissioned to compose a brand new set of canticles for next year's choral festivals in the Dioceses of Bath & Wells and Salisbury.

In addition to his school and diocesan work, Chris directs a thriving parish choir at St John the Baptist Church, Devizes, which includes a top line of 22 children representing 12 local schools. During the past three years they have made two recordings and sung in eight different cathedrals, and are currently raising funds ahead of a tour to Latvia this summer.

Programme

Toccatà & Fugue in D minor	J.S. Bach
Dear Lord & Father of mankind	Hubert Parry
Elegy & March from Richard III Suite	William Walton
Toccatà Giocosa	William Mathias
Intermezzo from Sonata No.8	Josef Rheinberger
Finale from The Gondoliers	Arthur Sullivan
Chorale-Improvisation on 'Schmücke dich, o meine Seele'	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Introduction & Toccatà on an Easter Alleluia	Nicholas Choveaux

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Newbury and District Organists' Association, (NDOA), founded in 1980, aims to encourage interest in organ music amongst players and all enthusiasts. A recital is given by visiting organists, from the local area and further afield, at St Nicolas Church, Newbury, on the second Thursday of each month, except May. Playing visits are made to other organs and enthusiasts are welcome at these events too.

2018/19 THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS AT 1:10pm

JUNE 14th Alistair Davis (St. John's, Stockcross)

JULY 12th Rosemary Evans (St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)

AUGUST 9th Jane van Tilborg (St. John the Baptist, Snape, Suffolk)

SEPTEMBER 13th Stephen Holmes (St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn)

OCTOBER 11th Roy Woodhams (Rector of Cranleigh, Surrey)

NOVEMBER 8th Jonathan Holl (Windsor)

*****DECEMBER 13th Clive Grant (St. George's, Wash Common) *****

*****AT NEWBURY METHODIST CHURCH*****

JANUARY 10th John Halsey (Windsor Parish Church)

FEBRUARY 14th Gillian Blythman (Thatcham)

MARCH 14th Christine Wells (St. Mary the Virgin, Hambleden)

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Many thanks to St. Nicolas Parochial Church Council for the use of the church and facilities, and to the people who work behind the scenes to make these recitals enjoyable.

OTHER EVENTS APRIL 2018

Friday 20th April: 12:30pm-1:15pm—Lunchtime Organ Recital at Minster Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Reading by Michael Howell (Director of Music, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Goring). Retiring Collection.

Tuesday 24th April: 7:45pm-9:00pm—Organ Recital at Winchester Cathedral by Andrew Lumsden

Saturday 28th April: 7:30pm—Organ Recital at St. Peter's, Earley, Reading by John Halsey