

Newbury and District Organists' Association

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Newbury & 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 and in December when it is held at Newbury Methodist Church. Playing visits are made to other organs and enthusiasts are welcome at these events too.

2023 THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS AT 1:10pm at St. Nicolas, Newbury

APRIL 13th	Christopher Sears (St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)
JUNE 8th	Alistair Davis (St. John, Stockcross)
JULY 13th	Rosemary Evans (St. Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware)
AUGUST 10th	James Paget (St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)
SEPTEMBER 14th	Stephen Holmes (St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn)
OCTOBER 12th	Roy Woodhams (Rector & Area Dean, Cranleigh, Surrey)
NOVEMBER 9th	Nathaneil Keiller (Windsor)
DECEMBER 14th	Clive Grant (Crewkerne, Somerset)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

Friday 21 April, 12.30 - 1.15pm **Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin, Reading.**

Organ Recital by Rosemary Evans (St Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware).

Saturday 22 April, 10am - 1pm **Newbury Methodist Church.** Performance Improvement Morning led by Ann Elise Smoot. For more information visit the [Newbury and District Organists' Association website](http://www.newburyorganists.org.uk). Applications should be received no later than 11 April.

Tuesday 2 May, 8pm **St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW.** Organ recital by Luke Bond (St George's Chapel, Windsor). Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Contact 07928 516052 or tony.willman@mac.com.

Saturday 13 May, 4pm BOA Recital, tea and AGM at **Reading Minster.** The recital, at which members of the public are welcome, will be given by Henry Smith (Organ Scholar at Royal Holloway College).

Monday 15 May, 1pm **Reading Town Hall** (The Concert Hall). Organ Recital by Gillian Blythman (Thatcham). To book, visit the [Concert Hall website](http://www.concert-hall.org.uk).

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presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

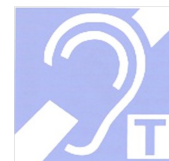
Given by

CHRISTOPHER SEARS

(St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)

Thursday, 13th April 2023 at 1.10pm

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



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Admission Free Retiring Collection

CHRISTOPHER SEARS



Christopher Sears began his musical education as a chorister at the headquarters of the Royal School of Church Music at Addington Palace in Croydon and it was here that his interest in the organ was kindled. He attended Trinity School, Croydon, before winning an organ scholarship to Oriel College, Oxford, to read Music.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, he studied the organ with Michael Fleming at Addington Palace and later, Harry Bramma at Southwark Cathedral.

After obtaining his Post Graduate Certificate of Education he held teaching posts both in Reading and Windsor before moving to Torquay in 1988. For nearly 30 years he was Head of Music at Torquay Boys' Grammar School as well as Organist and Choirmaster at All Saints' Church, Babbacombe. He also served as accompanist to the South Devon Choir.

In 2020 he took up the post of Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist, Newbury and is Secretary of Newbury and District Organists Association.

Programme

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| Paraphrase on a chorus from
<i>Judas Maccabaeus</i>
(from <i>18 Pièces Nouvelles, Op.90</i>) | F A Guilmant
(1837-1911) |
| Chorale Prelude <i>Christ lag in Todesbanden</i> | G P Telemann
(1681-1767) |
| Chorale Fantasia
<i>Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gotte</i> BWV 651 | J S Bach
(1685-1750) |
| Sonata in A Op.65, No.3
1. <i>Con moto maestoso</i>
2. <i>Andante tranquillo</i> | Mendelssohn
(1809-1847) |
| Five Short Pieces
1. <i>Allegretto</i>
2. <i>Folk Tune</i>
3. <i>Andante Tranquillo</i>
4. <i>Scherzo</i>
5. <i>Paean</i> | Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946) |
| Litanies (from <i>Trois Pièces pour Grand Orgue</i>) | Jehan Alain
(1911-1940) |