

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.

2024 THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS AT 1:10pm at St. Nicolas, Newbury

JUNE 13th	Alistair Davis (St. John, Stockcross)
JULY 11th	Rosemary Evans (St. Alphage, Burnt Oak, Edgware)
AUGUST 8th	James Paget (St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)
SEPTEMBER 12th	Stephen Holmes (St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn)
OCTOBER 10th	Roy Woodhams (Rector & Area Dean, Cranleigh, Surrey)
NOVEMBER 14th	Nat Keiller (Windsor)
DECEMBER 12th	Clive Grant (Crewkerne) at NEWBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

Forthcoming Recitals

see also organrecitals.uk

Monday 29 April, 8pm Radley College, Kennington Road, Radley, OX14 2HR. Organ Recital by Martin Baker. Admission is free but places must be pre-booked using:

<https://www.radley.org.uk/news-events/events/recital-series-martin-baker>

Tuesday 7 May, 8pm St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Organ recital by Tom Winpenny (St Alban's Cathedral). Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £10, or season membership ticket £60 for all 8 concerts between October 2023 and May 2024. Special concessionary rates for school/college students. .

Monday 13 May, 1pm Reading Town Hall (The Concert Hall). Lunchtime Organ Recital by Travis Baker (St Leonard's Church & Battle Abbey School). Programme to include music by Bach, Schumann, and Vierne. Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door. Please note that the venue no longer accepts cash, so all payments must be made using a credit or debit card.

Monday 13 May, 8pm Radley College, Kennington Road, Radley, OX14 2HR. Organ Recital - Messiaen's L'Ascension. Admission free.

Monday 20 May, 8pm Radley College, Kennington Road, Radley, OX14 2HR. Organ Recital by James Fellows (Assistant Organist). Admission free.

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Lunchtime Organ Recital

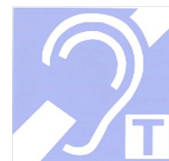
Given by

CHRISTOPHER SEARS

(St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)

Thursday, 11th April 2024 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 Brama 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

Fanfare (from Four Extemporizations for Organ)	Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)
Voluntary in G minor	John Stanley (1713-1786)
Fugue in G minor BWV 578	J S Bach (1685-1750)
Three pieces for Pentecost:	
Veni Creator Spiritus	William Byrd (1543-1623)
Komm, heiliger Geist	Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)
Shine, Jesus, Shine	Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)
Choral Dorian (from Deux Chorals)	Jehan Alain (1911-1940)
Toccata and Fugue (from 12 Stücke, Op. 59 Nos. 5-6)	Max Reger (1873-1916)
Alexander's Ragtime Band	Irving Berlin (1888-1989)