

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

APRIL 11th	Christopher Sears (St. John the Evangelist, 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

Saturday 16 March, 7.30pm Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ. 'Lenten Reflections', a concert by Reading Festival Chorus with Greg Hallam (director) and Simon Dinsdale (organ). Tickets £18. For full details visit the Reading Festival Chorus website.

Sunday 24 March, 7pm St Mary's Church, Station Road, Wargrave, RG10 8EU. Twyford Singers with Helen Styles (director) and Robert Jones (organ) perform extracts from Vivaldi's Gloria and Rutter's Gloria. Tickets £12, under-18s £5, available from Ticketsource or at the door.

Tuesday 2 April, 8pm St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Organ recital by Gerard Brooks (Westminster Central Hall). Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £10, visit the Alton Organ Society website.

Saturday 6th April at 3pm St Mary's Church, Shaw -cum- Donnington, Newbury RG14 2DR. Organ Recital by Steve Bowey. Admission free, retiring collection, proceeds to St Mary's Organ Fund. Refreshments available after the recital.

Newbury and District Organists' Association

presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

given by

CHRIS TOTNEY

Director of Music at St Benet Fink Church, Tottenham.

Thursday, 14th March 2024 at 1:10 pm



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



Admission Free Retiring Collection

CHRIS TOTNEY FRCO



Chris Totney hails from Stourbridge, West Midlands, where he became a chorister and took up the organ at St Thomas's Church under Andrew Fletcher. He studied Music at Durham University, continuing his organ studies with Keith Wright, holding scholarships at University College and subsequently at Durham Cathedral under James Lancelot.

Chris spent the first 15 years of his professional career in various school and private teaching roles in Wiltshire, as well as involving himself in various Diocesan and RSCM-led initiatives. He combined this work with the running of the acclaimed choir of St John's Church, Devizes, with whom he toured regularly to various UK cathedrals and once to Latvia, as well as undertaking a live broadcast of Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 and leading the children's choir to the accolade of 'Wiltshire Choir of the Year' in 2019. He is also an occasional choral composer, with a small number of works published by the RSCM, including two competition-winning entries from 2011 and 2021, and has made appearances alongside Andrew Carwood, Bob Chilcott, John Rutter, Gordon Stewart and Jeremy Summerly as a workshop accompanist at large-scale regional events.

Chris moved with his wife and young daughter to Cambridge in 2021, firstly spending several months developing the provision of music in the nearby village of Fulbourn, before taking up a temporary role with Britten Sinfonia's Development Department. Having recently become a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, he now combines a full-time Development and Alumni Relations post at Emmanuel College with the position of Director of Music at St Benet Fink Church, Tottenham. Outside music, his main interests include travel, food and drink, and being an 'armchair follower' of most major sports, especially football, snooker and F1 motor racing.

PROGRAMME

Voluntary in C

**John Blow
(1649-1708)**

**'Little' Prelude and Fugue in E minor,
BWV 533**

**Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)**

Prelude on 'Caithness'

**Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)**

Suite Gothique

- **Introduction (Choral)**
- **Menuet Gothique**
- **Prière à Notre-Dame**
- **Toccata**

**Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)**

**Prelude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons
(‘The Angels’ Song’)**

**Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)**

**Psalm-Prelude, Set 1, No. 3.
(Psalm 23, verse 4)**

**Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)**

**Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des
Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons.**

**Maurice Duruflé
(1903-1986)**