

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.

2025 THURSDAY ORGAN RECITALS AT 1:10pm at St. Nicolas, Newbury

JUNE 12th **Malcolm Pearce** (*Oxford & District Organists' Assocⁿ*)

JULY 10th **Ian Hockley** (*Uppingham and Cairo*)

AUGUST 14th **James Paget** (*St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington*)

SEPTEMBER 11th **Stephen Holmes** (*St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn*)

OCTOBER 9th **Roy Woodhams** (*Rector & Area Dean, Cranleigh, Surrey*)

NOVEMBER 13th **Nat Keiller** (*Windsor*)

DECEMBER 11th at NEWBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Clive Grant (*Crewkerne*)

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.

Forthcoming Recitals *see also organrecitals.uk*

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist. Friday 18th April 2025. Music by J.S.Bach, played by John Halsey (organ) & Sally Whale (cello). Admission free.

St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Tuesday 6th May at 8pm. Organ recital by D'Arcy Trinkwon (Concert Organist).

Newbury Methodist Church Monday 12th May at 12.30 Organ recital by Timothy Stewart (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire). Tickets £18 from www.newburyspringfestival.org, Corn Exchange Box Office or 01635 522733

Reading Town Hall. Monday 12th May at 1pm. Lunchtime Organ Recital by Callum Alger (Head of Chapel Music, Solihull School).

Play the Organ Year 2025 : St George's Preshute and Marlborough College, Sat 31st May. Details are available via NDOA website

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presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

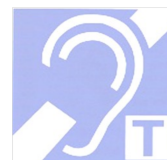
Given by

CHRISTOPHER SEARS

(St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)

Thursday, 10th April 2025 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

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Toccata & Fugue in D minor (Dorian)

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Chorale Prelude "O Gott, erhöre mein Seufzen"

Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Three Pieces for Musical Clocks

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux

Elmer Bernstein (1922-2004)

Medley of film music

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Salix

Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)

Toccata