

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.

NDOA 2026 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series at St Nicholas Newbury at 1.10pm

JUNE 11th	Change of recitalist, see June Newsletter
JULY 9th	Rosemary Evans <i>(St. Alphege, Burnt Oak, Edgware)</i>
AUGUST 13th	James Paget <i>(St. Mary Magdalene-in-Paddington)</i>
SEPTEMBER 10th	Stephen Holmes <i>(St. Michael & All Angels', Lambourn)</i>
OCTOBER 8th	Roy Woodhams <i>(Assistant Archdeacon of Surrey)</i>
NOVEMBER 12th	Nat Keiller <i>(Windsor)</i>
DECEMBER 10th	At NEWBURY METHODIST CHURCH Clive Grant <i>(Crewkerne)</i>

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[DOUAI ABBEY Woolhampton RG7 5TQ.](http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk)

Wednesday 13th May at 7.30. Organ recital by Simon Johnson, Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral. See newburyspringfestival.org.uk.

St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW

Tuesday 5th May, 8pm, Organ recital by Ourania Gassiou (Concert Organist, Greece).

Reading Town Hall, Monday 11th May at 1pm. Organ recital by Norman Harper (Former Director of Music St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark).

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Lunchtime Organ Recital

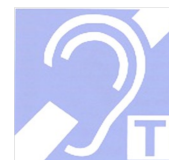
Given by

CHRISTOPHER SEARS

(St. John the Evangelist, Newbury)

Thursday, 9th April 2026 at 1.10pm

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



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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

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

Carillon

Two Easter Chorale Preludes:

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christ lag in Todesbanden

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1st Movement *from* Trio Sonata No. 6

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2

Three Excerpts from Sci-Fi Soundtracks:

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Also sprach Zarathustra (2001: a Space Odyssey)

Hans Zimmer (b. 1957) arr. Anna Lapwood (b. 1995)

No time for caution (Interstella)

John Williams (b. 1932)

Imperial March (Star Wars)

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Toccata