

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

MARCH 14th Chris Totney (Director of Music at St Benet Fink Church, Tottenham)

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**

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.

NDOA AGM at St. John's Church, Newbury, RG14 7PY

Saturday 24th February 2024—2.30-5.00pm

2.30pm— Recital by Steve Bowey FRCO, 3.00pm—AGM, 3.30pm— Tea ,

4.00pm—5.00 Open Keyboard.

Forthcoming Recitals

see also organrecitals.uk

Monday 4 March, 1pm Reading Town Hall (The Concert Hall). Lunchtime Organ Recital by Katelyn Emerson (Boston USA). Programme to include music by Widor, Sowerby, Rachel Laurin, Whitlock, Reger and Bossi. Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door.

Tuesday 5 March, 8pm St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Organ recital by Joshua Stephens (Winchester Cathedral). Refreshments available from 7.30pm. Admission £10,

Saturday 9 March, 11.30am St Paul's Church, Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH. Music for Springtime. Organ Recital by Christopher Cipkin. Admission free. Retiring collection in aid of the church restoration fund.

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presents a

Lunchtime Organ Recital

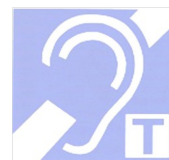
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GILLIAN BLYTHMAN

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**Thursday, 8th February 2024
at 1:10 pm**

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



Admission Free ~ Retiring Collection

GILLIAN BLYTHMAN, BA, MRUP, LRAM, ALCM

Gill Blythman was born in Ireland and educated at University College Dublin where she gained a joint honours degree in Geography & Archaeology and a master's degree in Town and Country Planning. Whilst at university she studied organ under David Lee at the Royal Irish Academy of Music where she held prestigious organ scholarships. She was a prizewinner in the Dublin Feis Ceoil and was accepted as a competitor in the Dublin International Organ Competition. Throughout her professional career, Gill has endeavoured to perform pieces that demonstrate the versatility of sound and entertainment value of the organ and she has given recitals in Ireland, London, Reading Town Hall and numerous venues in Berkshire. She also played an important part in overseeing the restoration of the church's fine 3-manual Gray and Davison organ in St Mary's Church, Thatcham to its former specification in the mid 1990s. Gill now works as a freelance musician and is in high demand in the Newbury and Reading area as a recitalist, church organist and teacher. She is also a UK and International examiner for the ABRSM which takes her to many parts of the UK, Ireland, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia and Singapore.



Programme

Sun Dance

(From Organ Dances for organ and orchestra)

**Bob Chilcott
(born 1955)**

Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 548

**J S Bach
(1685—1750)**

Organ Sonata Op. 65, No VI. *Chorale with variations* *Fuga (Sostenuto e legato)* *Finale (Andante)*

**F Mendelssohn
(1809—1847)**

March in E flat

**L Lefebure-Wely
(1817—1870)**