

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

FEBRUARY 12th	Gillian Blythman (<i>Thatcham</i>)
MARCH 12th	Chris Totney (<i>St. Benet Fink Church, Tottenham</i>)
APRIL 9th	Christopher Sears (<i>St. John the Evangelist, Newbury</i>)
JUNE 11th	Andy Stancliffe (<i>Thatcham</i>)
JULY 9th	Rosemary Evans (<i>St. Alphage, 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>)

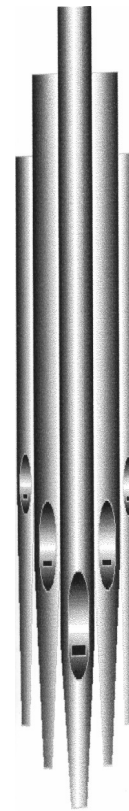
Saturday 24 January, 5pm, St Paul's Church, Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH 'The Stars of Night'. Organ recital by Christopher Cipkin. Programme includes music by Bach, Chilcott, Groom teVelde, Strauss, Admission free. Retiring collection in aid of St Paul's organ maintenance fund. Refreshments served after the performance.

Monday 26 January, 1pm Reading Town Hall, Organ Recital by Mark Brafield. Programme to include music by Stanley, Franck, Bach and Edmundson. Tickets £5 in advance, or £6 on the door.

Tuesday 3 February, 8pm St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW. Organ recital by Oliver Morrell (Winchester Cathedral). Refreshments available from 7.30pm.

Saturday 28 February 2.30pm NDOA AGM and Social at St. John the Evangelist, Newbury.

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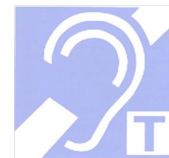
given by

JOHN HALSEY

(Windsor Parish Church)

Thursday, 8th January 2026 at 1:10pm

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



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Admission Free ~ Retiring Collection

JOHN HALSEY



John Halsey has retired from careers in business and education, but remains active as a musician, teacher and charity trustee. John read mathematics at Jesus College, Cambridge and music at Goldsmiths' College, University of London, also studying cello with Christopher Bunting and organ with Richard

Popplewell, gaining his FRCO and CHM diplomas in 1982. He taught at St Paul's School for five years, then had a 25-year career in management and consultancy for Mars, later returning to teaching as Head of Music at Langley Hall Primary Academy in Slough.

As a church musician, over forty years he has been: a Gentleman of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, St James's Palace; Director of Music at St Luke's, Chelsea; Organist of the Anglican Chaplaincy, Strasbourg, France; Acting Organist of Wangaratta Cathedral, Victoria, Australia; and, having returned to the UK, Organist & Choirmaster of Windsor Parish Church since 2006. After many years of fundraising and three Covid-interrupted years of works, the Windsor Parish Church organ has recently been restored by Bishop & Son organ builders. NDOA members would be most welcome to visit to try the organ out. Ask John to find out where the key is hidden!

Programme

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude & Fugue in A minor.

O. Messiaen (1908-1992)

Les Mages.

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Est-ce Mars?

H. Howells (1892-1983)

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No.1.

W. Walton (1902-1983)

Crown Imperial, *arranged H. Murrill.*