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Organists' Association

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Words from the Editor.

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The January and February organ concert series move onwards into the Snowdrop concerts, which are further extended by the most successful evening concert at Millthorpe School. The 2025 York organ concerts have got off to a flying start.. Still to come during April, are the Organ+ concerts at St Denys' Church (details on page 7), featuring music performed by the unusual combination of organ+cello and organ+saxophone. Excellent coffee is available on arrival.

The leaflet containing details of the summer concerts taking us right into October will be out soon, featuring a feast of performers from far and near. Rounding off the season will be a Saturday Lunchtime concert at St Columba's given by Jamie Hitel from Christ Church, Greenwich, USA.

In between all the events of the last month here in York, I found time to make two visits to London: First was the London Organ Day followed in quick succession by a visit to St John's Upper Norwood, where there is a magnificent T C Lewis, recently restored by H&H and further enhanced by the addition of a new 32' Sub Bass.

The original Lewis console, in allowing the player to see and hear clearly over its low top, necessitates the layout of the stop heads in rows of four across. This took me a few minutes to get to grips with, but the instrument was well worth the journey.

We have a busy time ahead as we move towards Mothering Sunday, Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter itself... so music to prepare and perform, this year I try and include some time for relaxation!

NJH

YDOA Annual Dinner 2025.

Sixty YDOA members and friends - a record attendance, assembled to meet, eat and socialise in the historic surroundings of Bedern Hall. 2025 marks the first Annual Dinner with our new Patron Philip Moore, with David Goodwin of Banks Music Publications as the Guest of Honour. Photographs are kindly supplied by Robin Peach.



YDOA Annual Dinner 2025.



YDOA Next Event.

Saturday 5th April 14.00

All Saints' Church

Sherburn-in-Elmet

Presentation by Gordon Stewart

on

J.S.Bach:

the man, the music, the numbers

Refreshments available following the presentation

Concerts and Events.

Organ+ Concerts at St Denys' Church

Music for Organ and other instruments

Saturday 12 April

11.00

Abbie Wheeler (cello) and Leonard Sanderman organ)

Saturday 26 April

11.00

Jesse Bannister (saxophone) and Anita Datta (organ)

Refreshments will be available from 10.30

Free Admission Retiring Donation

Concerts and Events.

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LUNCHTIME ORGAN SHOWCASE 2025

Wednesday 26 March 2025
Organ Demonstration Recital with
ADRIAN CRAWFORD
GRAHAM SMALES
& JOHN SCOTT WHITELEY

Wednesday 16 April 2025
TOM WINPENNY
Concert Organist
St Albans Abbey

Wednesday 4 June 2025
SIMONA FRUSCELLA
Concert Organist
Cremona, Italy

Wednesday 14 May 2025
JAMES VIVIAN
Director of Music
St George's Chapel
Windsor Castle

Wednesday 2 July 2025
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17th January
JONATHAN EYRE
Old Royal Naval Chapel, Greenwich

24th January
FRANKIE TEMPEST
Leeds Cathedral

31st January
ALEXANDER WOODROW
Leeds Minster

7th February
ROSEMARY FIELD
Workshop Priory

14th February
DAVID BAKER
St Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd

21st February
LIAM CONDON
St Alphege, Solihull

28th February
ED TAYLOR
Carlisle Cathedral

7th March
SHAUN TURNBULL
Leeds Minster

14th March
MICHAEL STODDART
Norwich Cathedral

21st March
EUAN GOODWIN
Leeds Minster

28th March
SIMON EARL
Christchurch Priory

4th April
THOMAS LEECH
Leeds Cathedral

11th April
ALEXANDER WOODROW
Leeds Minster

FREE ADMISSION
with retiring collection

Refreshments and sandwiches available in the Minster Cafe, by donation, from 12.30pm

Concerts and Events.



ABBAYE DE
ST-MAURICE

FONDÉE EN 515

CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL POUR ORGUE

12^E CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL POUR ORGUE

DU 1^{ER} AU 10 AOÛT 2025

ST-MAURICE | SUISSE



JURY - RACHEL KOLLY | THOMAS KIENZT | KATELYN EMERSON | MATTHIAS
MAIERHOFER STEPHEN THARP | PASCALE ROUET | PASCALE VAN COPPENOLLE

Concerts and Events.

JOURNÉES INTERNATIONALES

Jehan Alain

LYON

12-16 MARS 2025

CONCERTS

Intégrale de l'œuvre d'orgue
de Jehan Alain

Jeudi 13 mars – 20h30

- Église Saint-Pothin

Vendredi 14 mars – 20h30

- Église Notre-Dame-Saint-Louis-de-la-Guillotière
- Concerts donnés par les étudiants
des classes d'orgues de conservatoires
de Lyon (CNSMDL et du CRR)

Samedi 15 mars – 16h00

- Auditorium de Lyon
- les « Petits Concerts d'orgue »
Hendrik Burkard (Jehan Alain,
Grigny, Saint-Saëns, Liszt)

MASTERCLASS PUBLIQUE

L'interprétation de l'œuvre
pour orgue de Jehan Alain

Par *Éric Lebrun et Aurélie Decourt-Alain*

Mercredi 12 mars – 14h00 à 17h30

Jeudi 13 mars – 10h00 à 13h00

- Église Notre-Dame-Saint-Louis-de-la-Guillotière

ATELIER PUBLIC

Improviser avec Jehan Alain
Par *Franck Vaudray*

Samedi 15 mars – 10h00 à 12h30

- Église Notre-Dame-Saint-Louis-de-la-Guillotière

CONFÉRENCES

L'orgue et les harmoniums
de la famille Alain

par *Guy Bovet*

Mercredi 12 mars – 17h30 à 18h30

- Église Notre-Dame-Saint-Louis-de-la-Guillotière

Les *Litanies*, et l'orgue
du Palais de Chaillot /
Auditorium Maurice Ravel

(Conférence musicale)

Par *Aurélié Decourt-Alain*, avec
la collaboration de deux étudiants
des conservatoires de Lyon

Samedi 15 mars – 14h30

- Auditorium de Lyon

MESSE DOMINICALE

Messe modale et Motets
de Jehan Alain

*Maîtrise de la Cathédrale, Direction
Simon Herbelé, Orgue Guillaume
Le Dréau, Quatuor à cordes et flûte*

Dimanche 16 mars – 10h00

- Cathédrale Saint-Jean

*L'ensemble des manifestations des journées
Jehan Alain sont ouvertes à toutes et à tous
gratuitement (libre participation aux frais).
Exceptés la conférence (10 €) et le concert
du samedi après-midi (12 € / 17 €) à l'Auditorium
Maurice Ravel.*

Les journées Jehan Alain à Lyon sont organisées
par la revue *Orgues Nouvelles* en partenariat avec :

- le Conservatoire de Lyon (CRR),
- le Conservatoire National Supérieur Musique et Danse de Lyon (CNSMDL),
- l'Auditorium Maurice Ravel,
- les Amis de l'Orgue de Notre-Dame Saint-Louis de la Guillotière,
- l'Association Cavallé-Coll à Saint-François,
- l'Association internationale Jehan Alain,
- la paroisse de Saint-Pothin,
- la Maîtrise de la Cathédrale Saint-Jean.

Avec le soutien du Mozarteum de France,
de la Société Philharmonique de Lyon et de
l'Université Lyon 2 (département musicologie).



Concerts and Events.



7.9 – 12.9
2025

10^e Concours International d'orgue de Dudelange



Orgue Stahlhuth-Jann (IV/78)
de l'église Saint-Martin
à Dudelange (Luxembourg)

■ Jury

Stephen Tharp
(Président)

Loreto Aramendi
Winfried Bönig
Paul Breisch

■ Prix

1^{er} Prix 5.000 € plus concert 2026

2^e Prix 2.500 €

3^e Prix 1.250 €

Prix du Public 750 €

Prime de finaliste 500 € Finalistes autres que
1^{er}, 2^e ou 3^e Prix

■ Concours d'interprétation

7.9 – 12.9.2025

■ Master classes par membres du jury

10, 12 et 13.9.2025

■ Limite d'âge

35 ans (nés après le 1.9.1990)

■ Nombre max. de participants admis: 35

■ Programme – en grande partie au choix du candidat

■ Date limite d'inscription

15 juillet 2025

Informations, formulaire d'inscription en ligne et contact

organcompetition-2025-dudelange@posteo.lu

www.orgue-dudelange.lu



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Situations Vacant.



St Austin's Catholic Church Wakefield, part of the Diocese of Leeds is looking to appoint an organist from Easter 2025

BACKGROUND

St Austin's Church dates from 1828 making it one of the oldest churches in the Diocese. The actual Parish is St Austin and The English Martyrs which consists of two churches, both in Wakefield.

St Austin's has a long musical tradition and a choir has been in service for nearly two hundred years. The Director of Music has been in post for 19 years and his predecessor for 42 years.

The current organ is a digital 3 manual Ahlborn Galanti although there is a strong desire to install a suitable pipe organ when funds allow.



The organist would be required to accompany the choir at the solemn Sunday Mass where the repertoire generally includes a chant or polyphonic Mass plus motets. In addition, there is a rehearsal to accompany the choir on Sunday evenings. A further commitment to services on Holy Days, Holy Week and major feasts is also required. There are also extra services and concerts for which the organist would be eligible to receive additional fees. An ability to accompany plainchant would be desirable though is not essential.

St Austin's Choir has an excellent reputation and is widely regarded as one of the finest liturgical choirs outside of a Cathedral setting. They have enjoyed tours to Rome (singing in 3 of the 4 major basilicas), Paris, including a recital in Notre Dame, Austria including Salzburg Cathedral and most recently Northern Spain, including Mass and recital in Avila cathedral, the home of Tomas de Luis Victoria.

Whilst the majority of the repertoire is European Renaissance polyphony, more modern music is enjoyed along with new compositions by the prizewinning Composer in Residence.

JOB SPECIFICATION

An annual fee of £6000 applies, paid monthly on receipt of invoice. This covers:

- 40 weeks per annum Sunday Solemn Mass (currently 11.00am)
- Sunday evening rehearsal (currently 7:30pm to 9:30pm)
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- Holy Week Services Maundy Thursday evening
- Good Friday
- Easter Saturday Vigil
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- Major Feast Days (where not celebrated on Sundays) Epiphany
- Presentation of The Lord
- Ash Wednesday
- The Ascension of The Lord
- St Peter & St Paul
- The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- All Saints
- All Souls
- Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (usually celebrated at 11pm)
- Mass of Christmas Day
-

Additional responsibilities may include (depending on candidate):

- Assist the Director of Music and Parish Priest in planning music for all services.
- Organise replacement/deputy organists on occasion
- Arrange for servicing and maintenance of the organ
- Deputise for the Director of Music in directing the choir in occasional practices and services when the Director of Music is away.

Additional fees will be paid as below:

- Weddings £150
- Funerals £100
- Extra services or rehearsals £65
- Concerts/Recitals/Tours by negotiation.

A student in full time education will be considered as an organ scholar.

The list of responsibilities could be tailored to the needs of the student and choir with an appropriate adjustment to salary.

The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS.

How to apply

For an informal chat or visit please contact the director of music, Patrick Ganley, by email: dofm@staustinschoir.com

To apply for the post please send a CV and covering letter to the Parish Administrator:

office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

or by post to **St Austin's Church, 6 Wentworth Terrace, Wakefield, WF1 3QN**

Situations Vacant.



St Mary's Church Boston Spa LS23 6DR

has a vacancy for an

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

This is an opportunity (starting Jan. 2025) for an enthusiastic organist wishing to develop their skills and experience in an Anglican church with a strong liturgical tradition, an appreciative, welcoming congregation, and musical clergy.

- assist the Organist & Director of Music.
- opportunities to play for services, conduct and sing in the choir
- well-maintained Forster and Andrews pipe organ
- robed SATB choir
- opportunity to recruit new members and assist in developing the choir
- a bursary will be paid

For details contact Steve Aston, Organist and Director of Music
07703 575750 steveinyork@talktalk.net

or the Vicar, The Reverend Nick Morgan
07387 728009 revnjmorgan@gmail.com



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Situations Vacant.

St Giles' Church, Skelton

St Giles' Church, Skelton, is looking for an organist to play for its weekly Sunday service at 9.30 am.

The instrument is a new Viscount Envoy 35F Unico organ.

St Giles' is a very small beautiful old church, dating back to 1247, with a congregation of around 20 each week.

A small fee is available to offset expenses.

Please contact Jill Humphreys for further details.
(jillhumphreys@btinternet.com).

For Sale.

YDOA member Andrew Robert writes: I've been asked by a friend to circulate details about an instrument they have for Sale. Manufactured by D.W.Karn & Co from Woodstock Canada.

**If interested - please contact Andrew directly by email:
winzermusic@me.com**



YDOA Presidents.

Founded in 1945

1945-6 Edward Cuthbert Bairstow
1946-7 Reginald Shephard Rose
1947-8 Archie W Sargent
1948-9 Francis Alan Jackson
1949-50 H Reginald Mason

1950s

1950-1 Frederick Waine
1951-2 Reginald Shephard Rose
1952-3 Edmund Stanley Walton
1953-4 Benjamin Dawson
1954-5 Benjamin Summerton
1955-6 W Allen Bean
1956-7 George James Stacey
1957-8 Joseph Samuel McElheran
1958-9 Walter Hartley
1959-60 Benjamin Dawson

1960s

1960-1 Bernard J Porter
1961-2 Ronald Perrin
1962-3 William Addamson
1963-4 Alec C Cooper
1964-5 Evelyne G Bowmer
1965-6 George L Baggaley
1966-7 Tom Ward
1967-8 Alec Brodie
1968-9 Michael Minns
1969-70 Avena Helen Norfor

1970s

1970-1 Lloyd D Smith
1971-2 Colin McGarritty
1972-3 Michael Phipps
1973-4 Jack Judson
1974-5 Alfred Alcock
1975-6 A Austin Winterbottom
1976-7 Peter Whitehead
1977-8 Ruth Smith
1978-9 Maureen Murfitt-Swindells
1979-80 Geoffrey Hunter

1980s

1980-1 Robert Hall
1981-2 Michael Latham
1982-3 Richard Crosby
1983-4 Peter Maw
1984-5 Eric Grewer
1985-7 David Templeman
1987-8 Lloyd D Smith
1988-9 Geoffrey Coffin
1989-91 George Pilling

1990s

1991-3 Douglas Heath
1993-4 Nicholas Page
1994-5 David Simpson
1995-6 Alan Aspinall
1996-7 Peter Whitehead
1997-8 Maureen Murfitt-Swindells
1998-9 Jean Pilling
1999-2000 Edmund Cooke

2000s

2000-1 Alfred Boddison
2001-2 Cynthia Wood
2002-3 Edmund Cooke
2003-4 David Simpson
2004-5 Philip Paul
2005-7 Phillip Sangwine
2007-9 Andrew Roberts
2009-11 Adrian Crawford

2010s

2011-13 Raymond Sturdy
2013-15 Nigel Holdsworth
2015-17 Joan Johnson
2017-19 Maximillian Elliott
2019-21 John Scott Whiteley

2020s

2021-23 John Morley
2023- Alistair Timmis