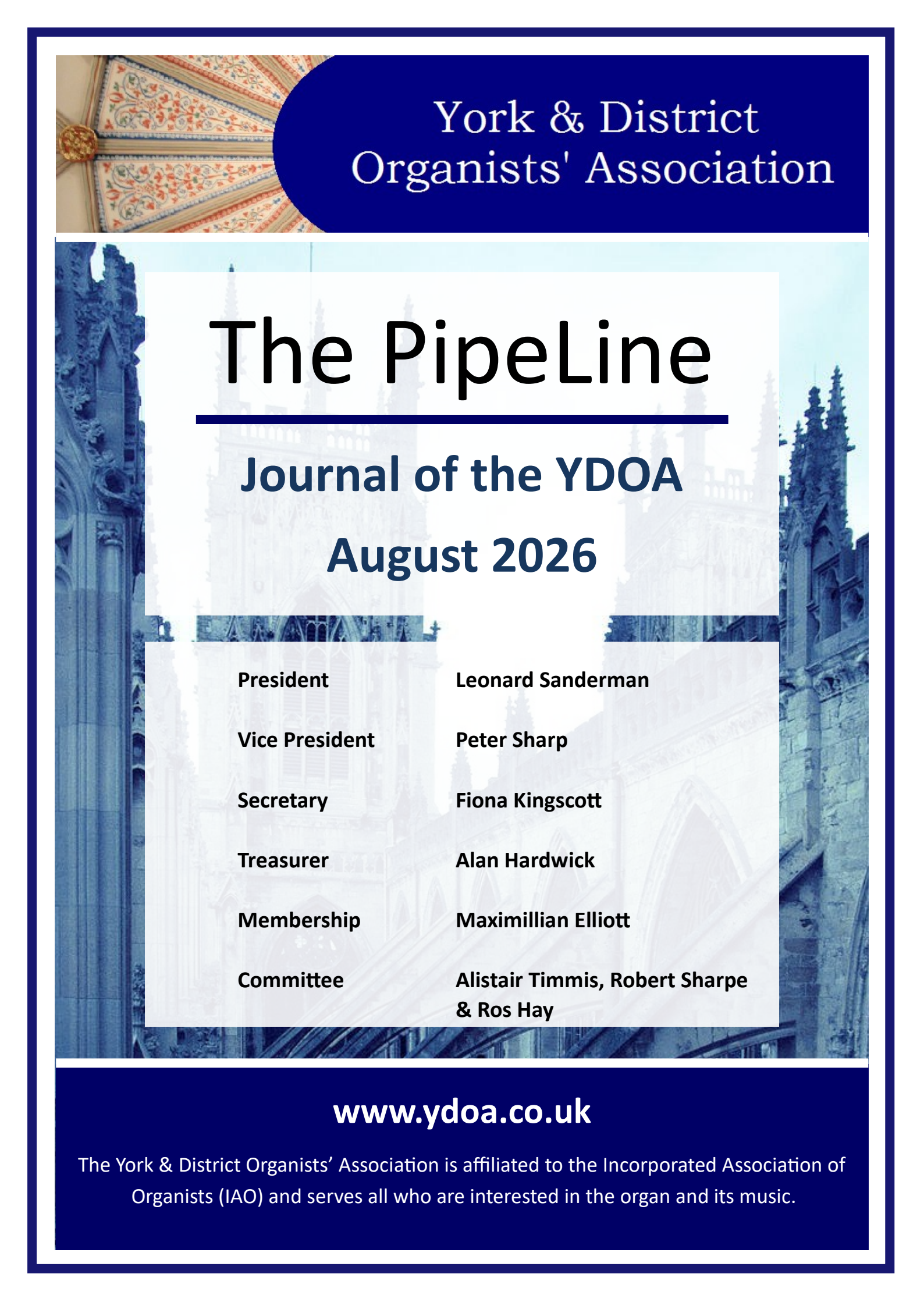




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1. Welcome from your Editor



Welcome to the August Edition of The Pipeline.

What an incredible summer we are having! With temperatures in the high twenties or even thirties on a weekly basis at the moment, we are certainly enjoying a Mediterranean climate on our own doorstep! Whilst the lack of rain is taking its toll on nature, as well as increasing fire risks, an oft-forgotten consequence to those outside of the organ world (and many within!) is the effect that the hot weather has on the humble pipe organ. It doesn't take a metallurgist to tell us that hot and humid environments can result in many pipes, particularly reeds, going out of tune during the heatwave. Once again, an army of unsung heroes work behind the scenes in many venues to make adjustments to the pipework to keep the instruments as much in tune as possible, so this month's thanks go to those people. With the recital season also being upon us, their work is especially welcome, so thank you to tuners as well as organists and organ technicians who are working tirelessly to nurse our organs through this heatwave.

It is approaching the time for a little change with The Pipeline. From October, Microsoft will discontinue their Publisher software, which The Pipeline is prepared using each month, so this is likely to be the penultimate issue to be compiled by that software. This gives us an opportunity for change, and as I alluded to previously, we will be sending you a survey link in the coming weeks for your views. The change will also coincide with the start of the new YDOA year, which runs from the AGM in October each year. It's almost as though Microsoft timed the cessation of Publisher around our calendar! If you have any thoughts about The Pipeline, or indeed have any article ideas, then please do drop me a line using the email address pipelineeditor@ydoa.co.uk

Peter Sharp, YDOA Vice President and Pipeline Editor

2. YDOA Forthcoming Events Programme 2026

August	Saturday 15th 19:00—20:30	A Tale of Two Organs President's Evening, <i>St Peter & St Leonard, Horbury</i>
September	Saturday 12th 15:00—21:00	Something Old, Something New... Organ Visits in Lincoln, with Choral Evensong
October	Saturday 10th 14:00—16:00	Recital & Annual General Meeting Recitalist William Campbell <i>St Olave's Church, Marygate</i>



Yes, it's that picture again. Sorry Nigel!

This was, of course, June's Caption Competition, and my apologies to Robert Cockroft who submitted this great entry, which was omitted from the July issue:

"And tonight's voluntary, hic, is 'Tu es Petrus'".

We do need to know whether the bottle is still there though!

3. Next Event

A Tale of Two Organs

President's Evening

Saturday 15th August 2026, 19:00

Join our President Leonard Sanderman and fellow YDOA members for an evening of cheese & wine, and the opportunity to sample not one, but two organs (the 1921 Harrison & Harrison 3-manual instrument and a 1-manual Pulham organ).

Leonard will give a talk about the organs and give a demonstration on each. There will also be a talk about restarting a choral tradition and the role of the organ in that tradition.

The address is St Peter & St Leonard, Northgate, Horbury, WF4 6AS.

For catering purposes, please let Leonard know if you intend to join for the evening at leonardsanderman@gmail.com and please bring along music!

4. Upcoming Recitals and Events

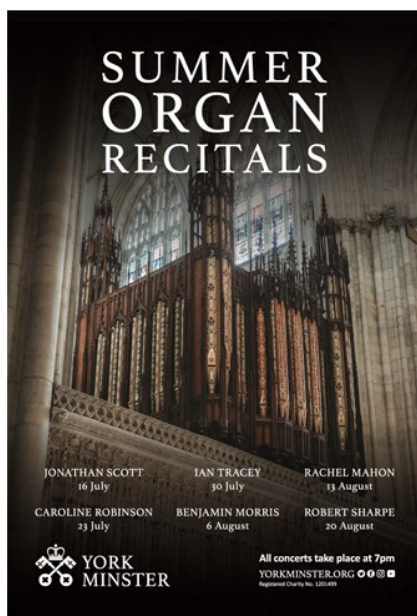
October

Saturday 10 14:00 William Campbell
St Olave's Church (Peterborough Cathedral)

January – April 2027

The *York Organ Concerts Guide January – April 2027* will be published in December 2026.

It will feature concerts at Holy Trinity Church, Heworth; St Barnabas' Church, Jubilee Terrace; St Chad's Church, Campleshon Road; St Columba's URC, Priory Street; St Denys' Church, Walmgate; St Paul's Church, Holgate Road; and St Thomas' Church, Lowther Street.



York & District Organists' Association

The **York Organ Concerts 2026** Series is coordinated and advertised by the York & District Organists' Association (YDOA). The YDOA was founded in September 1945 by Sir Edward Bairstow and has grown, over the past eighty years, into an active fellowship with over one hundred and twenty members. The cost of membership is £18 per year. Members receive:

Monthly Journal – *The PipeLine* (published online). Archive available in the *Members' Area*.

Monthly Events – explore a broad range of events, including: organ visits, lectures, socials, recitals and masterclasses.

Membership – benefit from membership of the Incorporated Association of Organists.

Subscription – enjoy a reduced rate for the IAO journal *Organists' Review*.

Access – gain access to one of our numerous practice instruments within York.

For details of how to join the YDOA, please contact the Membership Secretary:

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York & District Organists' Association

York Organ Concerts Guide

May – October
2026



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Venues

All Saints' Church, North Street

All Saints' Church, Pavement

Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate

St Denys' Church, Walmgate

St Helen's Church, Stonegate

St Martin's Church, Coney Street

St Olave's Church, Marygate

York Minster

June

Thursday 4 12:30 Matthew Collins
Central Methodist Church (Howden Minster)

Tuesday 9 12:30 James Short
St Helen's Church (Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin)

Thursday 18 12:30 Richard Fenwick
Central Methodist Church (Llandaff)

Tuesday 23 12:30 Thomas Howell
St Martin's Church (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

Saturday 27 12:30 Jack Oades
All Saints' Church, North Street (St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh)

July

Thursday 2 12:30 Alessandro Bianchi
Central Methodist Church (Lugano, Switzerland)

Tuesday 7 12:30 Anita Datta
St Helen's Church (Organ Tutor, Chetham's School)

Thursday 16 12:30 Nigel Holdsworth
Central Methodist Church (All Saints, Pavement, York)

Thursday 16 19:00 Jonathan Scott
York Minster (Concert Organist)

Tuesday 21 12:30 Leonard Sanderan
St Martin's Church (St Peter & Leonard, Horbury)

Thursday 23 19:00 Caroline Robinson
York Minster (Concert Organist)

Saturday 25 12:30 John Hosking
All Saints' Church, North Street (Blackburn Cathedral)

Thursday 30 12:30 Nicholas Page
Central Methodist Church (St Columba's URC, York)

Thursday 30 19:00 Ian Tracey
York Minster (Liverpool Cathedral)

August

Saturday 1 12:30 Paul Ferguson
St Denys' Church (Bishophthorpe)

Tuesday 4 12:30 Adam Heron
St Helen's Church (Coventry Cathedral)

Thursday 6 19:00 Benjamin Morris
York Minster (York Minster)

Saturday 8 12:30 Christopher Strange
St Denys' Church (Peterborough Cathedral)

Thursday 13 12:30 Philip Paul
Central Methodist Church (York Central Methodist)

Thursday 13 19:00 Rachel Mahon
York Minster (Coventry Cathedral)

Tuesday 18 12:30 Scott Senogles
St Martin's Church (St Giles' Church, Pontefract)

Thursday 20 19:00 Robert Sharpe
York Minster (York Minster)

Thursday 27 12:30 Samuel Austin
Central Methodist Church (York Oratory)

Saturday 29 12:30 Andrej Ivanović
All Saints' Church, North Street (Hurstpierpoint College)

Monday 31 11:00 Ian Dalglish
All Saints' Church, Pavement (St Bartholomew, Wilmslow)

September

Thursday 10 12:30 Michael Baron
Central Methodist Church (Danish Church, Hull)

Thursday 24 12:30 Timara Easter
Central Methodist Church (Concert Organist, Harpenden)

Saturday 26 12:30 Jukka Geisler
All Saints' Church, North Street (Hochschule für Musik, München)

May

Monday 4 11:00 Alistair Timmis
All Saints' Church, Pavement (Sherburn-in-Elmet)

Thursday 7 12:30 P R Dewhurst
Central Methodist Church (Bridlington Priory)

Saturday 9 May 14:00 Memorial Concert for
St Olave's Church Andrew Carter (composer)

Thursday 21 12:30 Tim Jones
Central Methodist Church (St Denys' Church, York)

Saturday 30 12:30 Robert Sharpe
All Saints' Church, North Street (York Minster)



All Saints' Church

North Street, York, YO1 6JD

2026 ORGAN RECITALS



Saturday 30 May (12:30)
Robert Sharpe
York Minster



Saturday 27 June (12:30)
Jack Oades
St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh



Saturday 25 July (12:30)
John Hosking
Blackburn Cathedral



Saturday 29 August (12:30)
Andrej Ivanović
Hurstpierpoint College



Saturday 26 September (12:30)
Jukka Geisler
Hochschule für Musik und Theater, München

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North Street

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St Mary's Lunchtime Organ Recitals

We are delighted to be welcoming a number of accomplished organists for a series of Monday lunchtime organ recitals.

Occuring monthly, April to October, on Mondays at 12:15pm:

April 27 - Chris Dodd (St Mary's)

May 25 - John Dunford (Conductor, Ripon Choral Society)

June 29 - Maximillian Elliott (Assistant Director of Music, St Olave's, York - including a brief history of the organ)

July 27 - Archie Davies (Ripon Cathedral Organ Scholar)

August 31 - Chris Dodd

September 28 - John Dunford

October 26 - Chris Dodd

All recitals are free, including refreshments, with a retiring collection for the organ fund

**St Mary's Church, Kirkgate,
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Monday Organ Recitals

29 June Alessandro Bianchi
(Cantù, Italy)

6 July Robert Poyser
(Beverley Minster)

13 July Timothy Selman
(Lincoln Cathedral)

20 July Angela Sones
(St Alban the Martyr, Birmingham)

27 July Matthew Collins
(Howden Minster)

3 Aug Chris Totney
(Ambleside)

10 Aug James Webb
(All Saints', Hessele)

17 Aug Aaran Fleet
(Cathedral Isle of Man)

Fri 21 Aug Victoria Ulriksen
7pm (Norway)

24 Aug Archie Davies
(Ripon Cathedral)

31 Aug Steven Maxson
(Middlesbrough Cathedral)

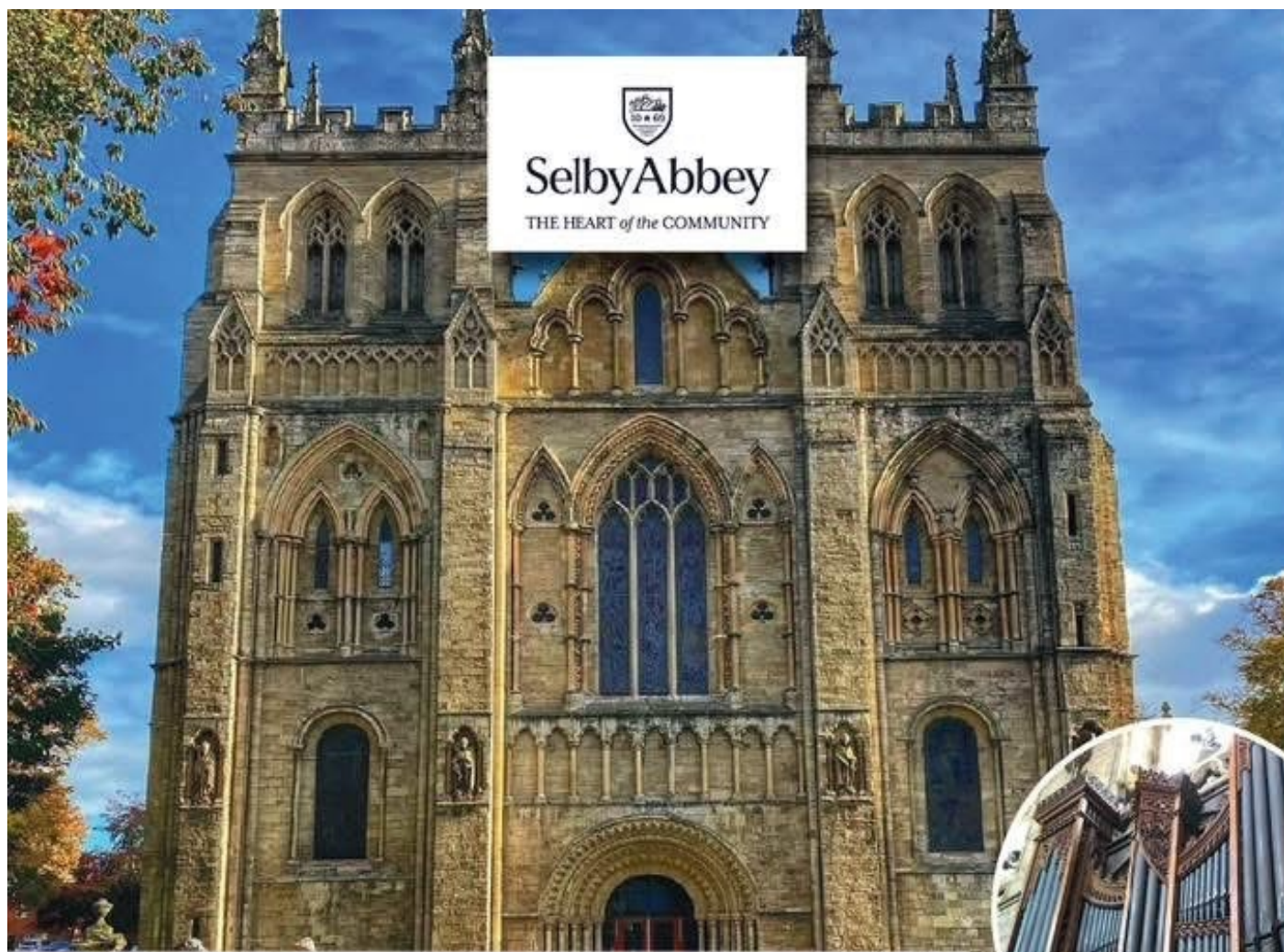


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Howden Minster, Howden DN14 7BS

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14 July	Ben Bloor	(The London Oratory)
21 July	Anita Datta	(Chetham's School of Music)
28 July	Benjamin Horden	(Holy Sepulchre, London)
4 August	Maximillian Elliott	(St Olave's, York)
11 August	William Campbell	(Bradford Cathedral)
18 August	Matthew Collins	(Howden Minster)

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Recital Series 2026

Saturday 26th September 2026 - 6pm

James Orford

St. Paul's Cathedral,
London



A prize-winning organist, he has recently taken up the post of Organist at St Paul's Cathedral, London after many years building a portfolio freelance career as a soloist, accompanist, continuo player, répétiteur, and teacher. James enjoys a busy performing schedule as a soloist and has given recitals and concerts in many of the UK's most notable venues and abroad including Roskilde Cathedral, Denmark, Sint Nikolaaskerk, Ghent, and the Chiesa dell'Annunziata, Todi, Italy. In 2021, he made his debut solo album with his own complete organ transcription of Vivaldi's L'estro Armonico (as well as J.S. Bach's transcriptions BWV 593 and 596) and was featured on Apple Music's Classical A-list.

Walton: Spitfire Prelude & Fugue

Vaughan Williams: Romanza (Symphony 5)

J.S. Bach: Passacaglia in C minor (BWV 582)

Elsa Barraine: Prélude et Fugue nr. 1

Louis Vierne: Symphony no. 3 in F# minor

Saturday 7th November 2026 - 6pm

Isabelle Demers

Quebec, Canada



Born in Québec and a graduate of Juilliard, New York, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University in Montréal, Québec. Her recital for the 2010 convention of the International Society of Organbuilders "left the entire congress in an atmosphere of 'Demers Fever'; something which continues unabated over ten years later. Possessing 'bracing virtuosity' (Chicago Classical Review), she has enraptured listeners worldwide with spell-binding performances. Her acclaimed recordings on the Acis & Pro Organo labels have been heralded: "Expressive, profound and searching" (RSCM Church Music Quarterly).

Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Handel

Bach: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (BWV 656)

Wagner: Prelude & Liebestod (Tristan & Isolde)

Reger: Fantasy & Fugue on B.A.C.H. (op. 46)

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1948-9	Francis Alan Jackson
1949-50	H Reginald Mason

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1951-2	Reginald Shephard Rose
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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

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1961-2	Ronald Perrin
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1963-4	Alec C Cooper
1964-5	Evelyne G Bowmer
1965-6	George L Baggaley
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1967-8	Alec Brodie
1968-9	Michael Minns
1969-70	Avena Helen Norfor

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1974-5	Alfred Alcock
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1989-91	George Pilling

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1993-4	Nicholas Page
1994-5	David Simpson
1995-6	Alan Aspinall
1996-7	Peter Whitehead
1997-8	Maureen Murfitt-Swindells
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1999-2000	Edmund Cooke

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2001-2	Cynthia Wood
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2005-7	Phillip Sangwine
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2009-11	Adrian Crawford

2010s

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

2020s

2021-23	John Morley
2023-25	Alistair Timmis
2025-	Leonard Sanderman