

RECITALS A listing of concerts by, or promoted by, our members

St. Alphage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, HA8 0DN

at 19:30 Admission £10 incl refreshments

April 28 Simon Nieminski, St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

May 12 Marie-André Morisset-Balier, Organiste-Titulaire Abbey of St Ouen, Rouen
Michel Morisset (trumpet)

All Souls, Langham Place www.allsouls.org Admission £7.50 / £5 at 19:30

May 14 Marie-André & Michel Morisset, St Ouen, Rouen (organ & trumpet)

Bury Park URC, Waldeck Rd, Luton New School Of Organ Studies

Thursdays 12:15 Lunch 13:00

May 3 Richard Hills, Gospel Oak recital is at All Saints Shaftesbury Road Luton

May 10 David Boarder, St Mary's Standon

May 17 Robert Tapsfield, Deal

May 24 Nicholas King, St John's Boxmoor

May 31 David Murray, Marlborough Road Methodist St Albans

June 7 Shean Bowers, St Saviour's Oxton & Hon assistant Liverpool Cathedral

June 14 Peter Moorse, Cheddington

June 21 James Banville, St Luke's Legrave

June 28 Roy Meeke, St Augustine's Luton

Details from David Clark 01582 520588

Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans

Recitals arranged by the New School of Organ Studies Tuesdays 12:30 – 13:15

May 1 Christopher Beauchamp, St Paul's, Langleybury

May 8 Helen Collins and Richard Heyes, organ duets and piano duets

May 15 Bill Fudge, Amptill

May 22 Roy Meeke, St Augustine's, Limbury

May 29 Andrew Parnell, St Albans

June 5 Brian Bromley, All Saints', Hertford

June 12 James Banville, St Luke's, Legrave

June 19 Philip Drew, Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea

June 26 Michael Mizgailo-Cayton, St John's Wood Church

Victoria Hall Hanley at 12 noon

May 19 Stephen Disley

June 2 Ian Tracey

June 30 Michael Rhodes

Alexandra Palace at 19:30

July 4 Paul Carr

St John the Evangelist RC Church, Duncan Terrace N1 at 19:30

May 26 David Gammie (2nd in the Buxtehude series)

Contact 0207 226 1218 Admission free – Retiring collection

St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh www.stgilescathedral.org.uk Admission free, retiring collection (not 27/6)

May 6 at 18:00 James Norrey (Oundle 2005 award winner)

June 17 at 18:00 Christopher Nickol

June 27 at 20:00 Michael Harris Tickets £7 (accompanied children free)

from St Giles' Cathedral Shop 0131 226 0673

July 1 at 18:00 Alessandro Bianchi

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President: Robin Coxon

NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

July newsletter contributions: please send by June 25th to Tim Roe, Trinity Flat, Kensington Gore, SW7 2QU Tel 020 7581 3493 Newsletter@organclub.org

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Saturday June 16 Northampton & Raunds

Three churches that would be well worth visiting regardless of their organs, in fact two of them are listed in Simon Jenkin's *England's Thousand Best churches*, and a visit to an organbuilder working on a new cathedral organ. Good reasons to come and enjoy our visit on June 16.

10:20 St Matthew's Church, Kettering Road, Northampton NN1 4RY

www.stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

The 4-manual Walker organ of 1895 was restored in 2005–6 by Harrison & Harrison

Gt 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III 16 8 4 Ch 16 8 8 8 4 4 2

Sw 16 8 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 8 8 16 8 4 Solo 8 4 2 8 8 8

Ped 32 16 16 16 8 8 32 16

11:30 Kenneth Tickell and Company Ltd, 16 Rothersthorpe Crescent, Northampton NN4 8JD

Work is in progress on the new 4-manual Quire organ, due to be installed in spring 2008, for Worcester Cathedral. www.tickell-organs.co.uk

☉ Lunch by own arrangements. The coach will drop us in the centre of Northampton.

13:30 Coach departs for Raunds

14:10 St Peter's Church, High Street, Raunds NN9 6HS www.Aspires.org.uk

The 1893 Conacher organ was restored by Nicholson in 2006

Gt 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III 8 Ch/Solo 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 8 8

Sw 16 8 8 8 8 8 4 2 III 8 8 Ped 16 16 10²/₃ 8 8 16 8

15:45 All Saints' Church, George Row, Northampton NN1 1DF www.allsaintsnorthampton.co.uk

The 1983 Walker organ in the West Gallery

Gt 16 8 8 4 2 IV III Cornet V 8 4 Ch 8 4 4 2 1¹/₃ IV 8 8

Sw 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ IV 16 8 8(Choir) Ped 16 16 10²/₃ 8 8 4 IV 16 8
 In 2006 Kenneth Tickell and Company replaced the Chancel Organ with a 1938 Hill, Norman & Beard instrument, which has
 Gt 8 8 8 4 4 2 IV 8(Ch) Ch 8 8 8 4 2 8 8 8(West)
 Sw 8 8 8 8 4 4 IV 16 8 8 8(West) Ped 16 16 16 16 8 8 16 8(Ch)
 Tea will be served here. The Choir will sing Evensong.

A coach will leave Northampton Station at 10:15 and be with us until we arrive at All Saints'. The final stage back to the station is a 10 minute walk. There are 656 parking spaces at Northampton Station (Black Lion Hill, Northampton NN1 1SP): cost for the day is £5.50.

Trains

08:54 (Silverlink) Euston to Northampton arrives at 10:07
 09:03 (Virgin) Euston to Glasgow change at Milton Keynes (arr. 09:33) to the 09:49 Silverlink so arriving at Northampton at 10:07
 08:36 (Central Trains) Birmingham New Street to Northampton arrives at 09:48

Return (to London or Birmingham)

18:32 (Silverlink) arrives at Euston 19:51 or change at Milton Keynes (arr.18:47) then take the 18:54 (Virgin) to Euston arriving at 19:30 or the 19:08 (Virgin) to B'ham New Street arriving at 20:11

Names for coach and/or tea by **Saturday June 9**, please, to Robin Coxon
robin.coxon@ntlworld.com 01707 324011

Robin Coxon

Saturday July 21 Tunbridge Wells & Penshurst

A Grade II listed Tractarian church and two other contrasting Victorian churches built for this attractive spa town in the heyday of its expansion in the mid to late 19th century, and a lovely medieval manorial church in a delightful village nearby. They contain interesting and versatile instruments and in one case a virtual mini-cathedral organ.

10:45 St Barnabas, Stanley Road (off Camden Road), Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2RQ

T.C. Lewis 1884, 1900 & 1915, rebuilt Hill, Norman & Beard 1962
 Gt 16 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 8 Sw 16 8 8 8 8 4 III 8 8 8 Ch 8 8 4 2 8
 Ped 16 16 8 8

12:00 St James, at junction of Ferndale Road and St James' Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3RL

J.W. Walker 1865 & 1883, rebuilt Compton 1937, rebuilt Kingsgate Davidson 1958, rebuilt Hill, Norman & Beard 1991
 Gt 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III II 8 Sw 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III 16 8 8 4
 Ch 16 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 1³/₅ 1¹/₃ 1 16 8 4 Ped 32 16 16 16 8 8 4 4 32 16 8

☉ Own arrangements for lunch in Tunbridge Wells, coach departing for Rusthall at 14:30

14:45 St Paul's, Langton Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8XD

J.W. Walker 1860, Bryceson 1876 & 1902, rebuilt Rushworth & Dreaper 1931, rebuilt F.H. Browne & Sons Ltd. of Canterbury 1995
 Gt 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III 8 Sw 16 8 8 8 8 4 4 2 III 16 8 8 4
 Ch 8 8 8 4 2 8 8 Ped 16 16 16 8 8 16 16 8

16:00 St John the Baptist, Penshurst, TN11 8BN

J.W. Walker 1858–60, 1901 & 1907, rebuilt F.H. Browne & Sons Ltd. of Canterbury 2000
 Gt 8 8 8 8 8 4 4 2²/₃ 2 III 8 4 Sw 16 16 8 8 8 8 4 III 16 8 8
 Ped 32 16 16 10²/₃ 8 4 32 16 8

There is a train service between London Charing Cross and Tunbridge Wells (journey time 55 minutes) but as the summer timetable is due to commence on May 20, further details will appear in the July Newsletter. A coach will collect members from the railway station at 10:30 for the short ride up the hill to St Barnabas; members will then walk the short distance between St. Barnabas and St James (ca. 10 minutes walk).

Following the visit to St James, members will walk into central Tunbridge Wells for the lunch break (again ca. 10 minutes walk). After lunch, the coach will collect members before proceeding to St Paul's Rusthall, and from there to Penshurst Parish Church where tea/refreshments will be provided. The coach will return members to Tunbridge Wells station at the conclusion of the meeting. Numbers for tea and the coach are required, and as numbers on the coach are limited please be sure to book early.

For drivers, parking is available near the first two churches at Camden Road car park and at Beech Street car park nearly opposite. There is rather limited parking space at Rusthall Church which is actually situated just south of Rusthall Common, and south of Langton Road about 1/2 mile west of the mini-roundabout at the junction of Langton Road with Bishop's Down and Major York's Road on the left hand side (look out for a sign indicating the location of the church). Parking at Penshurst may prove rather restricted, depending upon the number of people visiting the village and Penshurst Place nearby that day. There is a small parking area a very short distance along the Penshurst-Leigh B2176 road on the left-hand side.

For drivers requiring all-day parking, this is available at Camden Road and Beech Street car parks at a cost of £3.60, Royal Victoria Place multi-storey at £4.00 but only at levels 8a and above (else it is £10.00), Crescent Road multi-storey £4.00 and Torrington multi-storey adjacent to the railway station and approached via Vale Avenue £8.00 for the day. The car parks, apart from Torrington, are located up the steep hill from the station. I am happy to answer other enquiries and provide directions for drivers.

Bookings and enquiries to Tim Osborne, 1 Uridge Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 3EA

01732 352758 **by Friday 13 July latest.**

The total cost including coach fare is likely to be around £10.00

Tim Osborne

Late copy Thomas Heywood (Australia) launches his new recording "Too Hot to Handell" at St George's, Headstone (Harrow), recorded on the 1915 Rothwell last summer: Wednesday 13th June at 19:30, admission £6 www.stgeorgeheadstone.org.uk 0208 427 1253