NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

November 2021

From the President. As this is my last President's message before our AGM, may I thank everyone - members, friends and everyone on NDOA's committee and Midlands Organ Day sub-committee - for all your outstanding work throughout this centenary year. As well as reaching our target of 100 members for our 100th year, we have held a record number of events (and that in spite of Covid restrictions), held the Midlands Organ Day, our centenary recital, our composition competition and published our centenary history. We are continuing work to finish our centenary CD and Organ Book, and delight in the relationships we continue to build with our neighbouring associations and the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Do come along to the AGM and hear about all we have achieved and our plans for next year, and to welcome our incoming President, Jonathan Kingston. **Richard**

Annual General Meeting and Evensong. The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held at St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford at 3pm on Saturday 6th November, followed by Evensong at 4pm sung by the choir of St Mary & St Giles. The Revd Canon Victor Bullock of Fenny Stratford will officiate. Organ music before the service is provided in the form of two splendid compositions by John Wilson and Robert Tucker to commemorate NDOA's centenary year.

The music for the service will include the Tallis Responses. The Psalm will be Psalm 34. The Magnificat will be sung to the setting by Richard Shephard and the Nunc Dimittis to Charles Wood in D. The Anthem will be William Harris's *Behold the Tabernacle* and the Recessional Voluntary, Toccata, by Dr Stanley Vann. Do come.

Reluctant Organists' Morning. Sincere thanks are due to Tony Edwards and Jonathan Kingston who hosted the Reluctant Organists' Morning at Hardwick on 16th October, which was very much enjoyed.

In Conversation with Martin and Jenny Setchell. Grateful thanks are also due to Martin and Jenny Setchell for their fantastic *In Conversation* Zoom event on 23rd October, discussing their fascinating careers as international concert organist, and author and photographer respectively. A full report of the event will appear in the next *Newsletter*, but some links to their work (ideal Christmas presents!) are overleaf, and the Zoom recording of the event and the full list of links is available from editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk - just ask!

Philip Bricher will perform the monthly Farmer's Market Recital at St Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on Saturday 27th November at 11.30am. Philip would love to see as many members as possible there.

Northampton Bach Choir resumes live performances for the first time in two years with Handel's *Messiah* at the Spinney Theatre conducted by our member and Past President Lee Dunleavy on Saturday 6th November at 7.30 pm - <u>Northampton Bach Choir : Concert : Handel Messiah</u>. There should be time to make it comfortably after the AGM and Evensong on the same day!

Wellingborough Singers - also under Lee's direction - will perform *Requiem for the Living* and *In paradisum* by Dan Forrest at Wellingborough United Reformed Church on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November. Details at <u>Future Concerts -</u> <u>Wellingborough Singers</u>.



Christmas is coming... are you looking for something to treat the organists in your life?

Three Pieces for Organ - Howard Snell. The Northamptonshire composer, Howard Snell, has written *Three Pieces for Organ*, dedicated to NDOA on our centenary, available for purchase at only £8 at the AGM. If you would like a copy posted (plus £2 p&p) please email <u>editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk</u>.

In His Hands - Peterborough Cathedral Choir Concert and CD launch Sunday 7th November, 6pm. The Cathedral Choir invite you to join them in a concert of favourite hymns and carols. Many of these hymns will feature on the Choir's new CD, *In His Hands* which is launched at this concert. The CD will also be on sale afterwards at an offer price of 2 for £20 (usual price £12). Tickets for the concert are at Peterborough Cathedral Choir 'In His Hands' Concert and CD Launch at Peterborough Cathedral event tickets from TicketSource and the CD will be available from the Cathedral online shop at Shopping (ticketisland.co.uk).

Star Organs of Britain Calendar 2022. The 2022 calendar is once again produced by Dr Andrew Hayden. Andrew's calendars are a thing of beauty, made even better this year by including Northamptonshire churches at Mears Ashby, Hardwick and Holdenby. Available from <u>www.starorgansofbritain.co.uk</u> or directly from Andrew at 79 The Common, Freethorpe, Norfolk, NR13 3LX. Andrew is offering an exclusive 10% discount for members of IAO affiliated associations, including ours, too - watch out for details with a special discount code arriving soon from the IAO.

Setchell Specials! Following Martin and Jenny Setchell's Zoom event here are just some links to their work. *Resounding Aftershocks* and *Cardboard Cathedral Capers* CDs are at <u>Organ recordings from</u> <u>Pipeline Press</u> - <u>Pipeline Press</u>, Martin's transcriptions and arrangements are at <u>www.organist.co.nz</u>, and his Saint-Saens, Bach, Purcell, and Verdi transcriptions at <u>global.oup.com</u>. Jenny's photos are at <u>www.jenny.co.nz</u> and her books including *Organ-isms:* and *Organists: Their Inside Stories* at <u>books section</u>. The score of Martin's *Joy to the World Toccata* is at <u>http://www.fagus-music.com</u>, and at <u>Butz Musik-Verlag</u>, you can find The Wedding March Extraordinaire (Hochzeitsmarsch Extraordinaire in German), Dem Himmel Nahe (Looking up) and a 2022 German organ calendar.





PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL CHOIR Directed by Tansy Castledine

STAR ORGANS of BRITAIN CALENDAR 2022



Helhoughton, Norfolk Leamington Hastings, War. Mears Ashby, Northants. Blackman Lane, Leeds Holdenby, Northants. Holy Cross, Burley, Rutland Over Worton, Oxfordshire Mile Cross, Norwich Sutton Veny, Wiltshire Hardwick, Northants. South Raynham, Norfolk Naughton, Suffolk

This year's churches:

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And finally - you are warmly invited to an **Advent Carol Service** directed by Catherine Johnson at All Saints' Earls Barton on **Saturday 27th November** at 5pm.

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