

## **NEWSLETTER EXTRA**

**April 2022** 

The Portable Pipe and Fairground Organs of John and Anna Page - Saturday 2nd April, 2pm online. Do join our April event online - an online presentation by John and Anna Page on their fascinating portable pipe and fairground organs - you can whet your appetite at John Page Organs. Joining details have been circulated. If you're not a member but would like to join us, do please get in touch using the contact details on p2.

Young Organists' Day - St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford - Saturday 14th May, 10-1. Our President, Jonathan Kingston, invites young organists at any stage in their playing career to experience the fabulous three-manual Father Willis organ. Jonathan will provide performance advice and friendly guidance. The day is free of charge to participants but notice to perform is needed. For more details contact Jonathan Kingston president@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

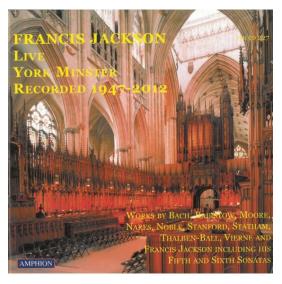
Also at **St Mary & St Giles Stony Stratford,** on Sunday 3rd April at 4pm you can hear our President, Jonathan Kingston, at the organ with the Polymnia Choir in Aaron Copeland's *In the Beginning* - tickets from <a href="www.polymnia.org.uk">www.polymnia.org.uk</a>, while on Monday 4th April at 12.45 Jacob Collins plays the Monthly Monday Organ Recital - soup and rolls available from 12 noon.

**Via Crucis - A devotion for Passiontide** by Philip Moore, offers fifteen short organ meditations interspersed with a selection of prayers drawn from the Biblical narrative of the Passion from a collection by Eric Milner-White, then Dean of York. It will be performed at Peterborough Cathedral at **6pm on Palm Sunday, 10th April** in the first opportunity to share it with a live congregation.

Organ Music, Reflections and Prayers for Passiontide at Fotheringhay. James Parsons will play pieces by Bach, Brahms and Messiaen as part of the daily thirty minutes of music, reflection and prayers for Passiontide at St Mary and All Saints', Fotheringhay at 6pm on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April.

Peterborough Cathedral Choir led by Tansy Castledine (Director of Music) and Christopher Strange (Organist) will perform a range of choral classics at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, on Saturday 21st May at 7pm - tickets £20 each. Peterborough Cathedral Choir - Music for a Spring Evening Tickets, Sat 21 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite or direct from the Editor at .editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk. This is an exceptional opportunity to hear our fabulous cathedral choir locally, accompanied by the Castle Ashby Nicholson as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. All proceeds will go to support music at the cathedral. Do come - don't delay - please book now!





**Banks Music Publications** has a stock of a superb 2-CD collection of Francis Jackson's historic recordings at York Minster from 1947-2012. Priced at only £10 plus postage, use discount code BMP50 to receive 20% Discount <a href="https://bit.ly/3vU8sHG">https://bit.ly/3vU8sHG</a>

The National Pipe Organ Register is a fantastic resource with information about the vast majority of pipe organs in the UK, run by the British Institute of Organ Studies. It has now been updated to make it more accessible and allow it to work better using mobile devices - do check it out The National Pipe Organ Register (npor.org.uk)

**David Kidwell.** Thank you to our friends at Springfield AGO for inviting us to a fascinating presentation last weekend by David Kidwell on using digital technology to help our playing. David is Minister of Music at Edwards Church, Northampton, Massachusetts where he has charge of a three-manual 34-rank Austin (*right*). David took us through a very enlightening presentation on using forScore on an iPad, telling us that he now has his complete music library in digital form. David is also an accomplished composer and you can find details of his music David Kidwell. A full report will appear in the July *Newsletter*.

Margaret Phillips at Merton. On Saturday 9th April at 11.30am Margaret Philips plays Bach on the fabulous Dobson organ at Merton College, Oxford. Tickets are available for £10 at <a href="https://linktr.ee/">https://linktr.ee/</a> MertonPassiontide.

**RCO International Organ Day.** Organs, organ music and organists will be celebrated around the world on International Organ Day on **Saturday 23rd April**, culminating in a brand-new edition of The Organ Show, at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/RCOFilms">www.youtube.com/RCOFilms</a> from 8pm.

**Ian Tracey at Sulgrave.** Ian Tracey will perform a Jubilee Organ Concert on **Saturday 30th April** at 7.30pm at St James the Less, Sulgrave. Tickets are £25 each from Joanna Smyth-Osborne at sosbournejm@gmail.com.

**Sounds of the Summer.** Church Organ World presents a great day of organ music with lan Tracey in *Sounds of the Summer* at its Mixbury showroom on **Saturday 7th May**. Tickets are only £10 with proceeds going to the maintenance of the organs at Liverpool Cathedral, from <u>sheetorganmusic.co.uk</u>.

**New NDOA** *Newsletter* **published.** The latest edition of the *Newsletter* has details of the delightful Vincent Woodstock practice organ freshly-installed in the Song School at Peterborough Cathedral, new research on our founding President, C J King, reports of recent NDOA events at Wellingborough and Bicester and much more.

**Join up a friend!** Do you know anyone who plays, is interested in the organ or organ music, or might simply enjoy our events and reading about local organs in our Newsletter? Do invite them to join - membership is superb value, and you can simply direct them to our website at <u>Join The Association | Northampton & District Organists' Association (northamptonorganists.org.uk)...</u>

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