



**NDOA AGM - Saturday 4th November 2.30pm - SS Peter and Andrew, Beanfield Avenue, Corby NN18 0EH (right).**

The AGM will be followed by an informal liturgical music session coordinated by John Wilson, our member Jonathan Mack (organist of the church) and Father Anthony Searle. There will be about 40 minutes of light-ish music, including original compositions for voice or organ by members, and the whole will be followed by light refreshments. It's also a great opportunity to say thank to our retiring President, Glyn Hughes, for all his hard work this year. Everyone welcome - do please come!

**NDOA Committee.** At the AGM there will be an election to fill **three vacancies on the committee.** Members serve for three years and have the opportunity to contribute significantly to the running of the Association. Please contact our Secretary, Helen Murphy, at [helen.e.murphy@outlook.com](mailto:helen.e.murphy@outlook.com) to find out more about the Committee's work, and how to nominate someone.

**NDOA Forthcoming Events.** Plans for the AGM and for NDOA events in January and February have now been firmed up - full details below. We hope everyone will support them if possible. For more information please contact our President Elect, John Wilson at [johnfwilson@btopenworld.com](mailto:johnfwilson@btopenworld.com).

**Christmas/New Year Musical Party - Saturday 6th January 2024 2.30pm - SS Peter & Paul, Abington** ('the Church in the Park') by invitation of the Rector the Revd Jun Kim, and NDOA member Tim Dolan who is the DoM there. An informal afternoon of seasonal music-making, including duos for piano and organ, and 'fun' items by various members. Contributions from members of their own compositions and ideas are welcome. Another chance for choral singing and organ playing by members.

**Members' CD Choice Afternoon - Saturday 17th February 2024 2.30pm.** At the home of Alan and Gabriela Cufaude in Northampton, thanks to their generous invitation. Alan's hi-fi equipment caters for CD USB, video, DVD etc. We share our favourite recordings, and then enjoy a nice tea (to which members can contribute).

**Talk by Ann Elise Smoot.** In March we hope to bring you a talk by Ann Elise Smoot, Director of Creative Oundle for Organists. Likely to be online and on a weekday evening -more details soon.

**Don Kennedy** draws our attention to **Oremus**, the excellent monthly magazine of Westminster Cathedral. Digital copies are available free of charge - [Oremus – Westminster Cathedral](#). The current issue recounts that the Contra Trombone was originally installed temporarily for the visit of Marcel Dupré, who was closely involved with the design of the Cathedral's Grand Organ. He also inaugurated it, and premiered his *Symphonie Passion* there.

**Did you know?** Don also recounts that the Renatus Harris organ in St Botolph without Aldgate is claimed to be England's oldest working church organ. You can find a fascinating history of the organ and its restoration by Goetze and Gwynn at [St Botolph, Aldgate London Restoration of the 1704 Renatus Harris Organ - Goetze & Gwynn \(goetzegwynn.co.uk\)](http://StBotolph,AldgateLondonRestorationofthe1704RenatusHarrisOrgan-Goetze&Gwynn.goetzegwynn.co.uk).

**Gold Frankincense and Myrrh Volume 3** is Church Organ World's latest compilation of new Christmas music for organ, including pieces by Ian Tracey, David Bishop and Stephen Maxson. Currently available at a pre-order price of £20. [Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh: Volume 3 - Sheet Organ Music](#). Association members also qualify for free p&p on music orders over £20 from Sheet Organ Music.

**Lunchtime Live at All Saints' Northampton** - Thursday 2nd November at 1.10pm. A Piano Solo Recital by our member **Laurence Caldecote**. Free entry with a retiring collection.

**Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes** hosts John MacDomnic (trumpet) and Adrian Boynton (piano) on Saturday 4th November at 12 noon. Details from Adrian on 07961 348697 or email [boyntonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:boyntonmusic@gmail.com).

**St John's, Cathedral Square, Peterborough** will host a Remembrance Day Concert on Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm featuring Peterborough Cathedral Choir, Youth Choir and Festival Chorus. £15/£12/U16 free. [Remembrance Day Concert - Peterborough Cathedral \(peterborough-cathedral.org.uk\)](http://peterborough-cathedral.org.uk)

**St Peter's, Brackley** will hold its 800th Anniversary Concert on Saturday 25th November at 7pm, featuring the premiere of Roland Johnson's *St Peter's Gloria* and a performance of Rutter's *Te Deum*. Details at [Brackley Jubilee Choir](#).

**Wellingborough Singers** perform Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* on Saturday 2nd December at 5pm at the United Reformed Church, High Street, Wellingborough. Tickets £15/U18 £5. [Future Concerts - Wellingborough Singers](#)

**Harrington Concerts** [Home - Harrington Concerts](#) -10th December. A splendid Christmas Concert by the **Swarbrick Singers**. Tickets from Katherine at [musicharrington@gmail.com](mailto:musicharrington@gmail.com) or 01536 713944.

**Northampton Bach Choir** performs its Christmas Concert at Northampton School for Boys on Saturday 16th December at 7pm. [Northampton Bach Choir : Concert : Carols for All!](#)

**Incorporated Association of Organists London Organ Day 2024** will take place on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at Our Lady of Victories, High St, Kensington, and will feature the new Skrabl organ (IV/53) and much more. Details of the organ are at <https://www.npor.org.uk/survey/S00149> and of the day at [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists \(iao.org.uk\)](#).

**Organrecitals UK** [Organ Recitals](#) continues to publish details of recitals across the UK and is well worth a look if you find yourself at with a spare moment.

**Royal College of Organists** forthcoming events include:

- **Hymn Playing** Sunday 19th November 12:30 St Giles Cripplegate Church, London EC2Y 8DA. Player places are now fully booked, with observer spaces still available. [RCO Courses, Classes and Events: Hymn playing](#)
- **CRCO, ARCO and FRCO Organ Playing Study Day** Saturday 25th November 11am Lincoln's Inn Chapel, London WC2A 3QB - using the three-manual mechanical action Tickell organ, William Whitehead and Simon Williams will provide guidance for those preparing for or considering entering the Organ Playing section of the CRCO, ARCO and FRCO diploma. [RCO Courses, Classes and Events: CRCO, ARCO and FRCO Study Day—pieces, keyboard skills and aural.](#)
- **The Organ Student Experience** 23rd July - 28th July 2024 Oxford. If you're an ambitious teenage organist, grade 7 level or above, this is a must! Directed by Daniel Moulton, bookings open on 1st December. Early bird discount. [RCO Courses, Classes and Events: The Organ Student Experience Week \(TOSE Week\)](#).

**NDOA's next quarterly Newsletter is currently in preparation.** Would you like to write an article for publication - about the organ you play, the instrument on which you learnt, your favourite piece, or any organ-related subject? Articles will be much appreciated and should please be sent to Richard at [editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk) by 1st December.

**Newsletter Extra** and the quarterly **Newsletter** are published by Northampton and District Organists' Association, registered charity no. 274679. Find us at <http://www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/> and on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Contact us at [editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk](mailto:editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk)