



**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT
ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION**
present



**A Musical Celebration for
Epiphany and the New Year**
at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul,
Abington Park, Northampton NN3 3AB
on **Saturday January 6th, 2024 at 2.30pm**

An informal afternoon of seasonal music-making, including duos for piano and organ, choral items, and 'fun' items by various NDOA members.

**Admission Free
All are Welcome!**

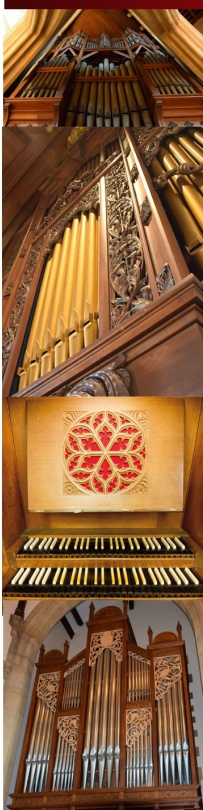
NDOA A Musical Celebration for Epiphany and the New Year - Saturday 6th January 2.30pm. This super event - NDOA's first of 2024 - takes place at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Abington Park by kind invitation of the Rector the Revd Jun Kim, and the DoM, NDOA member Tim Dolan. An informal afternoon 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. For those taking part, there will be practice time at the church from 12 noon - bring a packed lunch. More details from our President, John Wilson at johnfwilson@btopenworld.com. The event is open to all and completely free - do come.

NDOA Members' CD Choice Afternoon - Saturday 17th February 2.30pm. At the home of Alan and Gabriela Cufade 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). Full details will be circulated to members in the coming weeks.

NDOA Oundle for Organists: Plans and Prospects - a talk by Ann Elise Smoot - Tuesday 19th March 7.30pm on Zoom. Ann Elise Smoot is well known to members as the Director of Creative Oundle for Organists. She will speak about the work of the annual training programme for young organists, including the *Pulling Out the Stops* course for 10-16 year-olds, and the *Summer Course* for 14-20 year-old players. Ann Elise will tell us about OfO plans for 2024 and beyond, and answer questions from members. Zoom details will be circulated (call opens at 7.20pm for chat and a prompt start!). Do put it in your new diary now.

NDOA Visit to Oakham and Geddington - Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. A visit to Oakham Parish Church for the 11.15am Bank Holiday Organ Recital by Richard Pinel, followed by lunch (likely cost £7.50) and an afternoon visit to St Mary Magdalene, Geddington, where a new Reredos has been installed and the Bevington organ (featured in the NDOA Newsletter last year) can be enjoyed.

NDOA Visit to Hargrave - Saturday 8th June. An afternoon visit to Hargrave to experience the delights of the 3-manual Viscount Envoy organ in All Hallows, Hargrave. You can find a fascinating taster about the project - including some recordings of the organ - at [All Hallows Church in Hargrave, Northamptonshire - Viscount Organs](#). There may also be a possibility of visiting Raunds in the morning to see two fine organs there.



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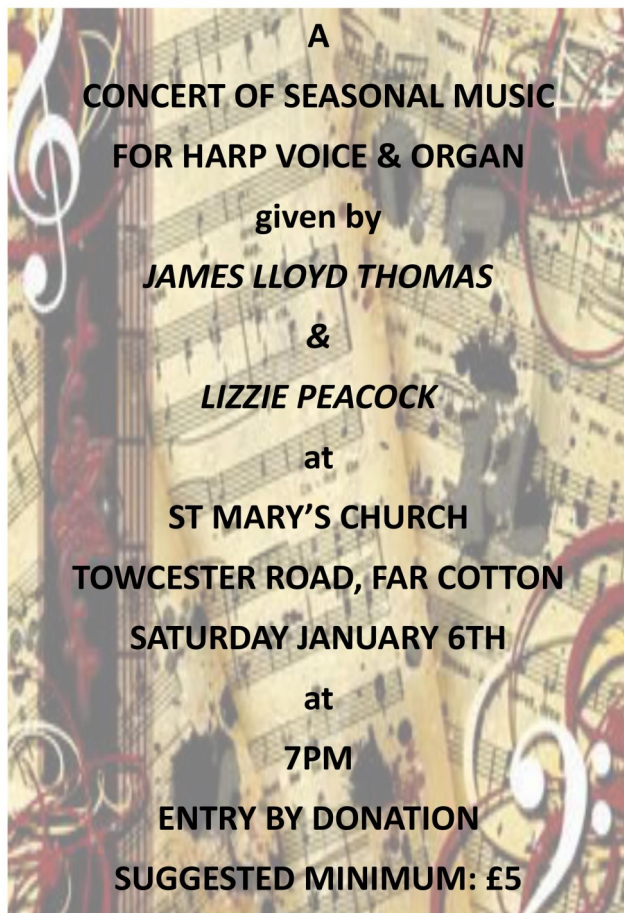
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A Concert of Seasonal Music for Harp, Voice and Organ - Saturday 6th January 7pm. James Lloyd Thomas and Lizzie Peacock will be performing at the NDOA Musical Celebration for Epiphany and the New Year at St Peter and St Paul Abington at 2.30 - and then offer more fabulous seasonal music at St Mary's, Towcester Road, Far Cotton at 7pm on the same day. Why not make a really enjoyable day of it following the NDOA Celebration?



Chris Strange, Organist of Peterborough Cathedral, will perform an organ arrangement of **Holst's Planets Suite** at the Cathedral on **Saturday 13th January at 7pm** as part of the display of Luke Jerram's extraordinary artwork *Mars: War and Peace* - the first time that *Mars: War and Peace* has been displayed in a cathedral, and with Chris's transcription of the *Planets Suite* creates a unique opportunity not to be missed. Tickets £12 at [Peterborough Cathedral Events online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#) and on the door subject to availability. Do come!

Incorporated Association of Organists London Organ Day 2024 is on **Saturday 2nd March** at Our Lady of Victories, High St, Kensington, featuring the new Skrabl organ (IV/53). Organ details at <https://www.npor.org.uk/survey/S00149> and programme and tickets [London Organ Day - The Incorporated Association of Organists \(iao.org.uk\)](#).

RCO International Organ Day - Saturday 20th April. The RCO is again promoting an International Organ Day this year to encourage people to explore and enjoy organ music, and support the development of new generations of musicians and enthusiasts. Organists are encouraged to hold open days and events, and there will be a new edition of *The Organ Show*. [International Organ Day 2024 | Organiser Information and The Organ Show \(rco.org.uk\)](#).

Parish Choirs Local Link. Following recent changes to RSCM local arrangements, John Wardle, DoM and Organist of Uppingham parish church, has set up Parish Choirs Local Link to ensure people continue to hear about worthwhile events of interest to choir members in and around Northants and Rutland. If you would like details, or have any events to share, do please contact to John at john.wardle@btinternet.com. John also reports that there will be a choir open evening at Uppingham PC at 7pm on Tuesday 16th January - tea, cake, convivial singing and chat.

NDOA Annual Subs - please pay now! Annual subscriptions are still only £10 per year for individual members, £15 for family and corporate members (including churches) and entirely free for student members. There is an additional contribution of £10 towards printing and postage costs if you would like a high-quality printed copy of the quarterly Newsletter. Details at www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join or bank transfer to our account at NatWest - sort code 56-00-60, account number 05476240, account name *Northampton & District Organists Association*.

NDOA New Membership Flyer! We have printed some rather lovely new Membership Flyers - pictured overleaf. Helen secretary@northamptonorganists.org.uk will gladly send copies on request for you to put on your church noticeboard, hand out at events and visits, and give to anyone you think might like to join. Who could you invite?

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