

Summer Organ Recitals at Peterborough Cathedral Wednesdays at 1pm



20th May
Edmund Aldhouse (Ely Cathedral)

3rd June
Ben Bloor (Brompton Oratory)

17th June
Shanna Hart (Selwyn College, Cambridge)

24th June
Ashley Wagner (Birmingham Cathedral)

8th July
Chris Strange (Peterborough)

15th July
Will Campbell (Peterborough)

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

July 2026

NPOA Peterborough Summer Organ Recital Series.

NPOA is delighted to sponsor the Peterborough Cathedral Summer Organ Recitals Series for a third year. The series is curated by our President-elect, Peterborough's Director of Music, **Chris Strange**, who will be playing the next recital which takes place at the cathedral at 1pm on Wednesday 8th July. The final recital of the series will welcome **Ashley Wagner** of Birmingham Cathedral on Wednesday 15th July, again at 1pm—Ashley's planned recital date in June was scuppered by the heat, with Assistant DoM Will Campbell ably stepping in. Do come along and support Chris, Will and the cathedral music team as NPOA continues to bring performances from world-class musicians to our area.

NPOA Three Village Organs: Grendon, Bozeat and Denton. Saturday 18th July.

A visit to three interesting organs - the Bishop & Son at Grendon at 10.30, the important Roger Yates at Bozeat at 12 noon and the historic Jonathan Austin organ at Denton at 3pm. The Bozeat Yates organ features in the current edition of *IAO Organists' Review*. At Bozeat, we will be able to play as the church welcomes visitors to the village Open Gardens event - a fabulous opportunity to bring organ music to a new audience - in return for which members can enjoy a complimentary light lunch in the church. Fuller details will be circulated to members. Do come along - it would be helpful (but not essential) if you could let Richard know if you are coming by emailing editor.ndoa@gmail.com.

NPOA Finedon, Thrapston and Benefield August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August. Finedon, Thrapston St James (Lunch in Thrapston) and Benefield.

NPOA Northampton Cathedral Saturday 12th September hosted by our member, Northampton Cathedral DoM Christopher Weaver.

William Baker at All Saints' Northampton. Our student member **William Baker** will play his valedictory recital as Organ Scholar at All Saints', Northampton, on Thursday 2nd July at 1.10pm. William's programme includes Elgar's Imperial March, Bach's G major Prelude and Fugue and the Frank Bridge Adagio in E.

Creative Oundle for Organists 2026, of which NPOA is proud to be a Supporter, takes place from 10th to 16th August. Concerts include a Tea Time recital at Titchmarsh on 10th August by Darius Battiwalla, a second Tea Time Recital (this time at Fotheringhay) on 11th August given by Margaret Phillips, a Sunset Organ Recital on 12th August at Oundle School Chapel by Ann Elise Smoot, a Lunchtime Recital at the same venue on 14th August by Stephen Grahl, a Coffee Concert on 15th August at Fotheringhay with Robert Quinney, and a closing recital on the afternoon of 16th August at Oundle School Chapel by students from the course. Students will also provide the music for the 11am service at Fotheringhay on 16th August. All events are free with a retiring collection. [A year-round calendar celebration of culture and the arts | Creative Oundle](#)

The Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert by **David Halls** is at 8 pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Tuesday 29th September. Admission free, or livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/iqnyF7naHik>.

Are you playing or hosting a concert or event? Tell us and we'll gladly include it in our media:

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THREE VILLAGE ORGANS

St Mary, Grendon
Bishop & Sons 1908

St Mary the Virgin, Bozeat
Roger Yates 1939

St Margaret of Antioch, Denton
J.C. Austin 1866

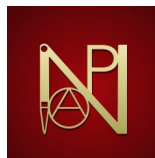
Saturday 18th July 2026

Play and hear three delightful village organs all within a 10-minute drive - the little Bishop at Grendon (NN7 1JW at 10.30am), the iconic Yates at Bozeat (NN29 7ND at 12 noon) and the historic Austin at Denton (NN7 1DG at 3pm). Lunch at Bozeat church, where we are invited to entertain visitors, and there is the chance to see Bozeat Open Gardens.

Do join us! It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could let us know if you are coming at editor.ndoa@gmail.com

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St Matthew's, Northampton, features our member **Philip Bricher** playing at 1.30pm and 2.45pm at St Matthew's Summer Fete on 4th July. **Tom Moore**, DoM at St Matthew's, will also play a post-choral evensong organ recital on 19th July.



SMGS Monthly Monday Organ. **Oliver Clements** plays the next concert at St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford, on Monday 5th July at 12.45pm, with refreshments available from 12 noon. Admission free, retiring collection.

Summer Sunday Music at Castle Ashby. Our member **James Lloyd Thomas** will perform a short programme of music for a summer Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th August on the 1872 Nicholson of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby. Do come along and enjoy half an hour of inspiring music. Admission free with a retiring collection.

Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market Recitals take place at St Mary's on the last Saturday of each month at 11.30am. Entry is free with a retiring collection, with **Bill Fudge** performing on 25th July.

Geddington Flower Festival Concerts take place on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July. The Saturday concert at 7pm features our members **Chris Hills** and **William Baker** and friends in music for organ, flute and two pianos - only £15 including wine; the Sunday concert at 6pm is a piano recital by **William Baker**, and is free with a retiring collection.

St Albans Cathedral Summer Organ Festival recitals by the Cathedral's music team take place on Sundays 12th, 19th and 26th July at 6.30pm. Tickets £12 each concert and full details from [Summer Organ Festival](#)

Ely Cathedral Summer Organ Recital Series takes place every Sunday from 19th July to 13th September at 5.15pm, featuring a range of recitalists including DoM Edmund Aldhouse on 19th July, Jan Leibermann on 2nd August, Paul Trepte on 16th August and many more. Free admission with retiring collection. Details at [Organ Recitals - Music - Ely Cathedral](#)

IAO Organ Festival 2026. The programme for the IAO's five day festival in Bristol, from Sunday 26th to Thursday 30th July, is available at <https://iao.org.uk/Festival26/>.

NPOA Newsletter. The latest issue of our quarterly Newsletter (below) is now winging its way to members. There's a profile of the Grendon Bishop & Son instrument which we visit in July; reports of our Eton and Windsor visit and our Musical Quiz, details of an historic LP of Peterborough Cathedral choir, recital reports including the Peterborough Summer Series and Dan Moults return visit to Castle Ashby House, and much more. Enjoy!

Not already a member? Join us now at www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join.



St. Mary Magdalene
Geddington

Flower Festival 'Lord of the Dance'

Saturday 11th July 10.30am – 5.00pm

Sunday 12th July 11.00am – 5.00pm

Admission £1 to include a programme

Raffle Cakes Books
Refreshments Tombola

Saturday Concert - 7pm in Church

A rich selection of music for organ, flute and two pianos based on dance rhythms.

Admission £15 including a glass of wine

Tickets: on the door or email:

events@geddingtonweeklychurch.org.uk

Sunday 6pm - Piano Recital

William Baker plays an enchanting programme of piano music for a summer's evening

Free entry with a retiring collection

All proceeds to Church Funds

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