

St. Mary Magdalene
Castle Ashby

SUMMER SUNDAY MUSIC

Sunday 9th August
2.30pm



JAMES LLOYD THOMAS

ORGAN

"The French Connection"

Come and enjoy fabulous French organ music in Castle Ashby church. James will play music by Clérambault, Lefébure-Wely, Franck, Alain and more.

The performance will last approximately 30 minutes.

Admission free. Retiring collection in support of the work of Castle Ashby church.

Northamptonshire & Peterborough Organists' Association

THREE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ORGANS

St Mary the Virgin, Finedon
'Father' Smith 1717 from St George's Chapel, Windsor

St James, Thrapston
Martin of Oxford, 1888

St Mary the Virgin, Benefield
Holdich, c.1847

Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August 2026

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Thomas
Hendrick ten Bruggencate & Co, 1976

Saturday, 13th September 2026

Full details of each visit will be circulated to members shortly. Do join us!

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NPOA Grendon, Bozeat and Denton visit. Thank you to everyone who came along to our Three Village Organs visit in July for making our day such a success. As well as enjoying three very different organs, we entertained visitors to the Bozeat open gardens event and received lovely comments from our audience. Sincere thanks to our hosts at the three churches for their hospitality, and especially to friends at Bozeat for the delightful light lunches.

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.

Forthcoming NPOA Events:

NPOA Finedon, Thrapston and Benefield August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August. Finedon, Thrapston St James (Lunch in Thrapston) and Benefield. More details will be circulated shortly—our visits are very informal and enjoyable; you can come and play or just listen and enjoy visiting the different churches. We will visit the iconic 'Father' Smith organ at Finedon, together with the Martin at Thrapston and the Holdich at Benefield—with lunch in Thrapston. A lovely day is in prospect and it would be great to see as many members as possible.

NPOA Northampton Cathedral Saturday 13th September hosted by our member, Northampton Cathedral DoM Christopher Weaver. A rare opportunity to enjoy the ten Bruggencate organ of the cathedral and enjoy this beautiful space. Again, more details will be circulated shortly.

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/ignyF7naHik>.

NPOA Newsletter. Our next quarterly Newsletter is in preparation. Could you write something for us? All articles most welcome—to the Editor by 1st September, please.

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

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