

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

ORGAN RECITAL

JOHN KEYS

(St Mary's, Nottingham)

Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 8pm

Free Admission with a retiring collection in aid of the Organ Fund

John Keys, an Honorary Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians, has been Director of Music at St Mary's Church, Nottingham since 1984, and has fostered a flourishing musical life in the Church, as well as following an independent career as solo organist, continuo player, accompanist and conductor. He is also Nottingham City Organist, Nottingham University Organist and Vice Chairman of the Nottingham Albert Hall Binns Organ Trustee Committee.

Born and educated in Chester, John obtained the Diplomas of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music in organ playing while still at school. After A-levels he was assistant organist at Chester Cathedral for nearly three years before going up to New College, Oxford, as Organ Scholar.

After graduating in 1981 he went to Geneva to complete his organ studies at the Conservatoire with Lionel Rogg, where he won several prizes. In 1984 he won First Prize at the Fourth Manchester International Organ Competition.

John has produced many recordings of pieces, and also one of the world's largest collection of organ hymn accompaniments.

He has played in France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Sweden, Gibraltar, the Ukraine, Switzerland, Malta, the USA and Australia, as well as widely in the British Isles. He has appeared as organist, accompanist, continuo player and conductor on Radio Suisse Romande, Télévision de La Suisse Romande, Netherlands Radio, Radio France and for the BBC.

www.John-Keys.co

PROGRAMME

Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

Grand Jeu (3ième Livre d'Orgue)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Nun danket alle Gott BWV 677

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Five Short Pieces

1. Allegretto
2. Folk Tune
3. Andante tranquillo
4. Scherzo
5. Paeon

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Rosace (Esquisses Byzantines)

César Franck (1822-1890)

Choral No.2 in b

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Toccata

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 26th May, 4.30pm

Recital: Katie Collin (clarinet), Tim Smedley ('cello), Philip Collin (piano)

Thursday 6th June, 8pm

Organ Recital: Joshua Stephens (Winchester Cathedral)

Sunday 9th June, 4.30pm

Recital: Annie Rieden (soprano), Eleanor Jarvis (soprano) and Philip Collin (piano)

Saturday 15th June, 6pm

Concert by the Choir of St John's as part of the Scissors Paper Stone project

Sunday 23rd June, 4.30pm

Recital: Senior Choristers and Choral Scholars of St John's

(all the above events are free admission with a retiring collection)

And an advanced date for your diary:

Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm

Christmas Extravaganza - St John's Choir and Stannington Brass Band

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