



ST JOHN'S CHURCH
RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD

Organ Restoration Appeal

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The Organ at St John's

St John's, Ranmoor has one of Sheffield's most historic pipe organs; an increasingly rare Brindley & Foster instrument first built in 1888. It has been carefully looked after and rebuilt several times in its 130 year history, but now requires significant work to maintain its continued use.

The organ is essential for the music, both sacred and secular, at St John's, supporting our nationally-recognised choral and musical heritage.



With a strong tradition of sung services on Sundays and weekdays, St John's choral foundation offers one of the most comprehensive programmes in the country:

- involving over 200 musicians
- providing free musical education for choristers aged 5-18, including vocal tuition and music theory
- offering a full choral programme for adult singers



The pipe organ is also used for weddings, funerals, involvement with schools, organ recitals and concerts. It is used daily for teaching and the professional development of our own resident organists and many others who come to play the instrument, both in concert and for practice. The organ helps St John's to connect with our local community through sharing the richness of our music.

The Organ Restoration

In 2012, the PCC recognised that the organ was in need of some maintenance. Our organ consultant prepared a schedule of work required over the coming years to maintain the organ. However, in Autumn 2017 St John's had to be closed for 10 months to enable essential work to be undertaken to repair the Church ceiling. During this time, the organ lay idle and on completion of the ceiling project it was found that a year of incredibly low humidity coupled with a very hot summer had rendered the organ unplayable. It is vital that a full restoration is undertaken in order to prevent further deterioration and enable our great instrument to be in use for generations to come.

The project will cost around £105,000. All 3500 pipes will have to be removed and cleaned and internal components renewed or restored. The work will take up to 18 months to complete. We recognise our responsibility to leave in good order the heritage from which we at St John's and the people of Sheffield have benefitted.

How can you help?

Please consider supporting our appeal:

- make a one-off donation
- spread your donation by making 12 equal monthly payments
- 'sponsor a pipe' in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving of a special event, or as an unusual gift – recorded in a Sponsorship Register
- attend our fundraising events.

Every contribution, however great or small, will make a difference.

Thank you,
St John's PCC
October 2019



Support the Organ Appeal

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Phone Number:.....

I would like to make a single donation of £.....

I would like to make 12 equal monthly payments to the organ appeal of £.....

I would like to sponsor a pipe (please circle):

32ft and 16ft pipes	£250	2ft pipes	£25
8ft pipes	£100	1ft pipes and smaller	£10
4ft pipes	£50		

Sponsorship register entry:.....

Your donation—Please tick:

- I have enclosed a cheque made payable to St John's Church, Ranmoor
 - I have made a one off BACS payment to St John's (40-52-40 00089049)
 - I would like to make regular payments and would like a standing order form
- When making payments via BACS transfer please quote reference Organ Appeal*

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Signed (Gift Aid Declaration): _____

- Please keep me informed about the organ campaign and music at St John's
- I'd like to hear more about St John's worship and other activities

Signed: Date:

Please drop your donation into the Church Office:
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Ranmoor Parish Centre,
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