

St John's Church, Ranmoor

Organ Recital

Julian Gunn
(St John's, Ranmoor)

Thursday 5 June 2025 at 8pm

Free admission
with a retiring collection in aid of the organ fund

Programme

Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

Triumphant March

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Toccatina and fugue in F (BWV 540)

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Adagio for strings

Giovanni Pescetti (1704-66)

Sonata in C minor

Hans Zimmer (b.1957)

Cornfield Chase (from 'Interstellar' Suite)

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

Méditation

Edward Elgar (1856-1934)

Sonata in G Op 28 (1st Movement)

Julian Gunn

Julian is Assistant Organist here at St John's. In his spare time, he is Professor of Interventional Cardiology in the Medical School of the University of Sheffield and Hon. Consultant Cardiologist at the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. He is from Caterham, Surrey, attended Whitgift School, Croydon, and trained as a doctor in Cambridge. Since then he has worked in York, Leeds, Nottingham and, since 1991, Sheffield.

He played the piano from the age of seven and the organ from 12 when his chubby legs could reach the pedals. He studied organ with Alfred Williams at St John's Church, Caterham, Gary Cole at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and Richard Popplewell at HM Chapel Royal. In the 80s and 90s he was, successively, Organ Exhibitioner at Queens' College, Cambridge, second Assistant Organist at Croydon Parish Church (now Croydon Minster), Assistant Organist at St Olave's Church, York, St Mary's Church, Nottingham and St Chad's Church, Far Headingley, Leeds.

In 1994, with Dr Tim Peters, he founded the Damian Singers. As their accompanist, he played the organ three or four times a year at all the major English cathedrals for the next 25 years. He holds the diplomas of ARCM and FLCM.

He was appointed Assistant Organist at St John's in September 2017, probably because the letter went to the wrong address. He has accompanied the Ranmoor choir at Exeter cathedral, St Mary's Redcliffe, Newcastle cathedral and Truro cathedral. The week after his appointment at Ranmoor, the church roof fell in. When the mess was cleared up, and the organ re-instated, the pandemic hit, and the church shut again. Another coincidence was when a large stone fell off the tower on the morning of 27th August 2023, narrowly missing him. Julian is pretty sure the Vicar's aim has improved since then, although he still has not taken the hint.

Julian's most recent contribution has been to restore the Chancel organ pipes to true 'organ metal' colour; an improvement on the Care Home beige paint which had concealed their gleaming magnificence for the last 40 years.

Forthcoming events

Sunday 13th July 2025, 4.00pm

Peter Taylor (baritone), Yang Guo (piano)
and

Annie Rieden (soprano), Philip Collin (piano)

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Thursday 2nd October 2025, 8pm

Organ Recitals resume, programme tbc

Saturday 15th November 2025, 7.30pm

The Choristers of St John's will be singing Britten *St Nicolas* and Fauré *Requiem* with Sheffield Bach Choir and National Festival Orchestra
(At St Mark's, Broomhill)

Saturday 6th December 2025, 7pm

Christmas Extravaganza

with the Choir of St John's Ranmoor and Stannington Brass Band

Tickets will be available from September

Saturday 14th February 2026, 7.30pm

Choral Bangers 5

With Cantores Feriatum

Free admission with a retiring collection

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