



Newsletter February 2024



Hello Folks,

Although we're still supposed to be stuck in the long dark tunnel of winter, there are plenty of cheering things afoot for SLSO members!

Forthcoming Events

Jess Stanojevic writes:

I am writing to let you know about a fantastic new podcast that the RCO has launched, and to ask for your help in spreading the word.

Dedicated to the world of the organ, organists and organ music, The Organ Podcast will be published fortnightly to inform and entertain organists 'of every age and stage', as well as organ enthusiasts and those who are simply curious and want to know more about our instrument and music.

Episodes will feature interviews with leading UK and international organists, visit historic or little-known organs of interest, catch-up with organ rebuilds and restorations, and encounter a diverse mix of individual organ-related activities, news, discussions and initiatives from around the world.



Our presenter Mark O'Brien is both an organist and an award-winning former BBC radio and tv producer. In the first episode you can hear him exploring the restoration of Manchester Town Hall's 1877 Cavaillé-Coll organ; joining Tom Bell as he completes a new recording of Olivier Messiaen's Livre du Saint Sacrement from Blackburn Cathedral; and meeting Margaret Phillips at her remarkable English Organ School & Museum.

The Organ Podcast is available free of charge from Apple, Spotify, Google, Amazon and all popular podcast directories. It is also available to hear to via the College's YouTube page, or simply visit theorganpodcast.buzzsprout.com to find links to all these outlets and more.

I do hope you can find some time to listen, and perhaps even to subscribe and offer up a review (five stars, we hope!) on Apple or Spotify if that is where you get your podcasts. All would help greatly. It would also be great if you could share this news with your association members, and indeed anyone else you think might be interested.

With thanks,

Jess Stanojevic
Marketing Officer, RCO

STOP PRESS! RECITAL TOMORROW!!

[John Webber](#) presents another interesting and varied menu of repertoire.



PENGE MUSIC PRESENTS
LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
JOHN WEBBER, ORGAN
featuring works by J S Bach, Clark, Dubois, Franck and Walond.

17TH FEBRUARY 2024
1PM
£5 entry on the door
cash and card taken
under 16s go free
tea, coffee and biscuits served on arrival

Penge Congregational Church
172 High Street Penge, SE20 7QS
Tramlink: Beckenham Road tram stop
Nearby train stations: Kent House,
Penge East, Penge West, Clock House
Bus routes: 75, 176, 197, 356, 354,
358, 227, 194, N3
FREE PARKING at a
nearby multistorey carpark

Friday 15th March

St Stephen's Walbrook

12.30pm

Andrew Chadney

Our Secretary presents a corker of a programme of familiar fare, which should sound sensational in the warm acoustic of St Stephen's Walbrook!



Bossi	Entrée Pontificale Op 104 no 1
Howells	Master Tallis' Testament
Vierne	Prelude (no 5 from 24 Pieces en Style Libre Op 31
Bennett	Grand Plein Jeu on 'Deo Gracias' (from Oxford Hymn settings Vol 2 Epiphany)
Bach	Fantasia and Fugue in c BWV 537
Arne	Introduction and Fugue from Concerto no 1
Clerambault	Flutes (from Suite du deuxième ton)
Heron	Voluntary IX (from Ten Voluntaries for Organ or Harpsichord)
Boellman	Toccata (from Suite Gothique) Op 25

Christ's Chapel, Dulwich



Sunday 24 March 2024

7.45pm

Andrew Benson-Wilson (Hampshire)



After Bach and After Dark!

Music by CPE Bach, John Stanley and Michel Corrette

For more details, please visit <https://andrewbensonwilson.org/>

Admission Free, donations towards expenses welcome

Composite Recital

This is a recital given by members of the SSLSO.

Practice times will be in the morning.

Contributions please!

This is a rare opportunity for the membership to showcase themselves, and we look forward to this eagerly-awaited event.

Don't be shy!

Please contact Alan Langridge at alan2468100@gmail.com.



St John the Evangelist, Islington

The 2024 series provides an opportunity to hear established players on a fine instrument in a spacious acoustic.



Wednesdays at 5.55: W. Harry Hoyle

For those of you who remember the weekly pilgrimage to the South Bank early on a Wednesday evening, this book should jog some memories.

Happy reading!



St. John's, East Dulwich Road, SE22 9AT

John Webber writes:

We have these recitals at in 2024:

Organ recital dates:

Saturdays at 11am:

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| ✓ | 11 May | (James Carpenter, Beckenham Baptist Church) |
| ✓ | 13 July | (composite recital) |
| ✓ | 21 September | (Terence Atkins, Barnet Parish Church) |

Website – please do look regularly at ssls.org.uk. Our webmaster updates it frequently and there is much to see.