

Southwark & South London Society of Organists

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President: Dr Harry Brama

Chair: Irene Wolstenholme



Newsletter, April 2024

Dear Members,

Easter Greetings to you all! Welcome to our monthly newsletter, in which you will find details of our upcoming events, recitals, and more. If you have items to be included in the next newsletter, please email them to southwarksouthlondon@gmail.com by Friday 26 April.

Future SLSO events

Thursday 18 April: *Workshop with Marilyn Harper* “How to learn and how to practise what is learned” at Christ’s Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, Dulwich, SE21 7AD, from 2pm to 4 pm.

Saturday 20 April: *Education Day*, with guest speaker David Pipe, at St George’s Bickley Park Road, Bromley BR1 2BE, from 2pm. This meeting is held in association with the Bromley & Croydon Organists’ Association.

Saturday 18 May: *Visits* to St James’s Bermondsey, Thurland Road, London SE16 4AA, from 10am, and to St Anne’s, Limehouse, Three Colt Street, E14 8HH, from 2pm.

For full details of SLSO events, please visit our website: sslso.org.uk.

AGM

We had a good turnout to our AGM, held on Monday 11 March, at St John’s, East Dulwich. Our thanks to John Webber for hosting and playing a couple of pieces for us. It was good to have our president, Harry Brama, with us, who concluded the meeting by praising the society for all it does, and its high membership numbers. He then played and improvised on “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”.

Officers and committee members were elected unanimously. The following will serve for 2024-25:

Chair: Irene Wolstenholme

Vice-Chair: Sam Gover

Secretary: Andrew Chadney

Treasurer: Peter Ramell

Committee: Niall Baxter, Martin Callingham, Norman Harper, Nicky Jones, Alan Langridge, Bridget West.

Minutes can be found online at sslso.org.uk

Other events

Saturday 13 April, at 2pm, Memorial Service for Catherine Ennis, at St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall Yard, EC2V 5AA.

Thursday 18 April, from 7pm, at Southwark Cathedral: Outreach Organ Repertoire Session.

Simon Hogan will offer advice on how best to play your repertoire on a cathedral organ and give constructive comments. Contact simon.hogan@southwark.anglican.org

Saturday 20 April, International Organ Day. Events taking place, other than our own Education Day, include an afternoon of music-making at St Paul’s, Clapham, SW4, which concludes with evensong at 6pm. More details at stpaulsclapham.org

Sunday 16 June, from 2pm, at Southwark Cathedral: Southwark Diocesan Outreach Festival Evensong. Contact ian.keatley@southwark.anglican.org

Recitals

Mondays at 1.20pm, at Southwark Cathedral: free lunchtime organ recital

Sunday 21 April, 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Anthony Gritten

Thursday 2 May, 6.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Music from Hans Zimmer's *Interstellar* film, played by Roger Sayer, the organist who recorded it (paid-ticket event)

Sunday 5 May, 5.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Matthew Jorysz plays Messiaen's *L'Ascension*

Saturday 11 May, 11am, at St John's, East Dulwich SE22 9AT: James Carpenter (Beckenham Baptist Church)

Sunday 12 May, 7.45pm, at Christ's Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, Dulwich, SE21 7AD: Francesca Massey (formerly of Manchester and Rochester Cathedrals) (paid-ticket event, part of the Dulwich Festival)

Saturday 18 May, 7.30pm, at St Mary's, Ewell: Jonathan Holmes plays Widor and Dupré

Sunday 19 May, 5.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Jonathan Allsopp plays Messiaen's *Messe de la Pentecôte*

Saturday 25 May, 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, N1: Damin Spritzer (Professor of Organ, Oklahoma University)

Saturday 1 June, at 12.30pm, at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, London SE1 1TD: Marilyn and Norman Harper

We look forward to seeing you at some of the above events.

With best wishes to you all,

The SLSO committee