

Southwark & South London Society of Organists

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Newsletter, August 2024

Dear Members,

Welcome to summer and this month's newsletter, in which you will find details of our upcoming events — including some new ones — recitals, and more. If you have items to be included in the next newsletter, please email them to southwarksouthlondon@gmail.com by Friday 30 August. We aim to send out the newsletter on the first Friday of the month.

Future SLSO events

For full details of these and other upcoming SLSO events, please visit our website:
www.slsso.org.uk

Sunday 11 August, 2.30pm-5pm: *Summer Social* at St Giles's, Camberwell, SE5 8RB.

Come along for a relaxed chat with other organists. A pay bar will be open all afternoon.

Saturday 28 September, morning: *Conducting workshop with Ashley Valentine* at St Giles's, Camberwell, SE5 8RB.

We are looking for singers to form a choir as well as those wishing to take part. Please contact us at southwarksouthlondon@gmail.com if you can sing/provide singers.

Saturday 5 October, 7pm: *SLSO Annual Dinner* at Brasserie Blanc, Chancery Lane, WC2A 1PP.

Our guest speaker this year is Dr Barry Rose, on his time at St Paul's, and Guildford, being music adviser to the head of religious broadcasting at the BBC, and more. Please do reserve your place/places now. Email southwarksouthlondon@gmail.com

Saturday 9 November: Visits to the Most Precious Blood, Borough, (11.15am) and St Peter's, Vauxhall (2.30pm).

Recent SLSO events

Saturday 6 July: *Repertoire Session with Richard Pilliner* at St John's, East Dulwich

Richard was in fine form once again and we presented him with an eclectic selection of music — Messiaen, Thalben-Ball, Bach, Widor and Hindemith. Richard was able to discuss performance practice and registration (especially with regard to the Messiaen and Thalben-Ball's *Elegy*). Work on Bach's Prelude in B minor was preceded about which prelude and fugue we thought was Bach's best. We all benefitted greatly from Richard's knowledge and experience and seemingly limitless enthusiasm. Let us hope that the society can find time for another session with Richard next year. It was an enjoyable and enlightening afternoon.

Recitals and concerts over the next two months

Sundays at 3pm in August, at St Mary's, Battersea, SW11 3NA, free recital.

Sundays at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey, free 30-minute organ recital.

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

Sunday 4 August, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Charles Francis (Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York).

Saturday 10 August, at 11am: BBC Prom 29 at the Royal Albert Hall: Jonathan Scott plays works by Wagner, Bach, Chaminade, Grison, Ives and Tchaikovsky. *Live on Radio 3*.

Sundays 11 and 18 August, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral, free 30-minute organ recital.

Thursday 22 August, at 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood, SE19 2RX: Florence Rousseau (Kergonan Abbey, France).

Monday 26 August, at 11.30am, at Bromley Parish Church, BR2 0EG: Francesca Massey.

Tuesday 27 August, at 1.05pm, at St Mary's, Ewell, KT17 2AY: Jonathan Holmes and friends play Bach.

Sundays in September, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral, free 30-min organ recital.

Wednesdays in September, at 7.30pm, at Westminster Cathedral: Grand Organ Festival 2024: Thomas Ospital, Peter Stevens, Peter Holder, Simon Johnson (paid-ticket events).

Thursday 5 September, at 6.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral. Chelsea Chen plays traditional organ repertoire and transcriptions, including a medley from John Williams's *Star Wars* soundtrack (paid-ticket event).

Saturday 7 September, at 7.30pm, at St Mary's, Ewell, KT17 2AY: Patronal Festival Organ Recital by Jonathan Holmes (Vierne, Gospel Preludes, and "Lollipops" with a Last Night of the Proms flavour).

Saturday 21 September, at 11am, at St John's, East Dulwich SE22 9AT: Terence Atkins (Barnet Parish Church)

Saturday 28 September, at 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, N1 8AL: Isabelle Demers.

Opportunities

Choral music for sale

Pamela Hunt still has some music for sale (see Newsletter, June 2024). A up-to-date list of what is available is attached. The copies are in good order. If you wish to purchase, please contact Pamela at pamela.hunt@zen.co.uk.

We hope to see you at some of the above events.

With best wishes to you all,

The SSLSO committee