

Southwark & South London Society of Organists

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Newsletter, October 2024

Dear Members,

Welcome to 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 25 October. We aim to send out the newsletter on the first Friday of the month.

Future SSLSO events

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

Saturday 9 November: Visits to the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, SE1 1TE (11.15am) and St Peter's, Vauxhall 310 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY (2.30pm). You are welcome to join us at one church or both.

Our **2025 programme** will begin with a repertoire session focusing on music for Lent and Easter. Our annual composite recital will take place at Penge Congregational Church in February.

Memorial Service for Ian Keatley

Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 22 November, the feast of St Cecilia, will celebrate the life and work of Ian Keatley. It will include the première of "What shall be after him?" by Nico Muhly. Pre-service music starts at 5pm, with the service at 5.30pm. A reception in the retrochoir will follow.

Opportunities

SSLSO Education Project

The 2024-25 bursary scheme is now open. This scheme is to promote organ playing and help to nurture a future generation of organists. Those of all ages who have some keyboard experience (the equivalent of Grade 5 or above) and would like to learn the organ are encouraged to apply. The award covers the cost of five organ lessons with an SSLSO-approved teacher, and some money towards sheet music. Successful applicants will be given a year's membership of the SSLSO, have the opportunity to play at events and masterclasses and attend an award ceremony in the following academic year. Please share with anyone who you think may be interested. Visit sslso.org.uk for more details

Recent SSLSO events

Saturday 28 September: *Taking a rehearsal and conducting a choir.* We again apologise for the cancellation of this workshop and hope to offer it next year. We wish Ashley a smooth, albeit long, recovery.

Recitals and concerts over the next two months

Mondays at 1.20pm, at Southwark Cathedral: weekly lunchtime recitals. Performers include James Gough and Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral), Alessandro Bianchi (Lugano, Switzerland), Timara Easter (concert organist),

Fridays at 12.30pm, at St George's, Beckenham BR3 1AX: weekly recital series — singers, pianists, string players and more. The recital on 1 November is given by one of our members, Ann Hubble (violin), accompanied by Alistair Sorle. Free entry, retiring collection for music at St George's.

Saturdays at 11am, at St George's, Beckenham BR3 1AX: weekly recital series – students from Trinity School and more. Free entry, retiring collection for music at St George's. No recital on Saturday 9 November (tbc).

Sunday 6 October, at 4pm, at St Marylebone Parish Church NW1 5LT: Richard Pinel (free, retiring collection)

Sunday 6 October, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Robert Sholl (free 30-minute recital).

Sunday 6 October, at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: Friedhelm Flamme (free 30-minute recital).

Monday 7 October, at 1.20pm, at Southwark Cathedral: James Gough (Southwark Cathedral) (free 30-minute recital).

Tuesday 8 October, at 1.10pm, at the Guards' Chapel, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ: Charles Andrews (Temple Church).

Sunday 12 October, at 7.30pm, at St Mary's, Ewell, KT17 2AY: Jonathan Allsopp (Southwell Minster) presents "The Town Hall Tradition" (free, suggested donation of £10 to the organ fund).

Sunday 13 October, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Friedhelm Flamme (free 30-minute recital).

Sunday 13 October, at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: Andrew Unsworth (free 30-minute recital).

Tuesday 15 October, at 1.05pm, at St Mary's, Ewell: Bach (free, 30-minute recital).

Sunday 20 October, at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral) (free 30-minute recital).

Sunday 20 October, at 7.45pm, at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich SE21 7AD: Alison Howell (free, retiring collection).

Sunday 27 October, at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: Matthew Jorysz, (Westminster Abbey) (free 30-minute recital).

Thursday 31 October, at 6.30pm, at the Guards' Chapel, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ: Daniel Cook (Durham Cathedral).

Saturday 2 November, at 12.30pm, at the Most Precious Blood, Southwark: Richard Gowers (St George's, Hanover Square) (free, retiring collection).

Sunday 3 November, at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: Benjamin Newlove (St Alphege's, Greenwich) (free 30-minute recital).

Sunday 3 November, at 5.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Peter Stevens plays *Les Corps Glorieux* by Messiaen (free).

Tuesday 5 November, at 1.05pm, at St Mary's, Ewell: Bach (free, 30-minute recital).

Sunday 10 November, at 7.45pm, at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich SE21 7AD: Andreana Chan (Pembroke College, Cambridge) (free, retiring collection).

Saturday 16 November, at 7.30pm, at St Mildred's, Bingham Road, Croydon CR0 7EB: **Olivier Latry Grand Inaugural Concert** on the new Nicholson & Co. west organ (some tickets remaining from £7.50 to £50, [here](#)),

Sunday 17 November, at 4.30pm, at St Paul's Cathedral: Marcus Wibberley (free 30-minute recital).

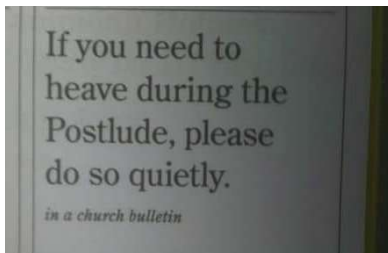
Further ahead

The Bloomsbury Organ Day 2025 is Saturday 25 January. It comprises an afternoon of free events (from 12.30pm), and an evening recital by David Briggs. Further information and to book tickets, visit organistsonline.org/bloomsbury.

Also on Saturday 25 January, at 6pm, a Silent Movie Night at St Mary-at-Finchley, N3 1TL. Darius Battiwalla will be improvising to Alfred Hitchcock's *Blackmail*. Free entry, generous donations welcomed.

Chuckle corner

With thanks to Peter Smith.



DAY 20. EVENING PRAYER. Day 20. E.
PSALM 104. *Benedic, anima mea.* H.SMART.
172 (alternative Chant) W.MARSH.
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PRAISE the Lord 'O my 'soul : O Lord my God thou art become exceeding glorious, thou art 'clothed with 'majesty and 'honour.
2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it 'were with a 'garment : and spreadest out the 'heavens 'like a 'curtain.
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers 'in the 'waters : and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh up'on the 'wings of the 'wind.
4 He maketh his 'angels 'spirits : and his 'ministers a 'flaming 'fire.
5 He laid the foundations 'of the 'earth : that it never should 'move at 'any 'time.

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Please do join us at an event soon.

With very best wishes to you all,

The SLSO Committee