

Southwark & South London Society of Organists

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Newsletter, March 2025

Dear Members,

Greetings to you all as we finally enter Lent. There are lots of events planned and recitals to attend. We do welcome details of recitals you are giving or organising. Please email southwarksouthlondon@gmail.com by Friday 28 March for inclusion in the April newsletter. 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 8 March: Visits to the Guards' Chapel and St Mary the Boltons: an email has been circulated to all members with joining instructions.

Monday 24 March: AGM, at 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Goose Green SE22 9AT. Callum Orr will give a recital before the AGM.

Saturday 12 April, 2.30pm-4pm, at Christ's Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, Dulwich SE21 7AD: **NOOM (New Oxford Organ Method) workshop,** with Marilyn Harper.

SSLSO Committee

There will be three vacancies on the SSLSO committee to be taken up from the AGM. Please do contact us if you would be interested in joining. We have five meetings a year, currently on Sunday afternoons on Zoom, and committee members would be expected to play a part in organising meetings or undertaking specific roles (e.g. education). Please contact secretary@sslso.org.uk if you are interested or would like further information.

Recent SSLSO events

Composite Recital on Saturday 22 February at Penge Congregational Church. There was a full and varied programme presented by 11 performers from the SSLSO, which was enthusiastically received by an audience of between 40 and 50 people. Music included works by J. S. Bach, Guilmant, William Boyce, Mozart, Flor Peeters, Franck, Whitlock, Hans Zimmer, John



Ellis, and Ad Wammes. Read the full programme [here](#). The Society thanks both [Penge Music](#) and the Deacons of Penge Congregational Church for allowing us to present the organ recital.

Opportunities and news

RCO Play the Organ Year 2025: more information at rco.org.uk. Details of RCO events this year are on the attached document.

The most recent **IAO newsletter** is also attached.

Discounted tickets for a performance of Bach's *St John Passion* at Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 18 March**, 7.30pm. Book at [Ticketmaster](#), using the password SJP30.

International Organ Day is 26 April. Charlie Warren and James Carpenter are planning a morning event at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road, to include an opportunity for people to try the organ, a film about the organ, and a composite recital by students. Please put the date in your diary. More details to follow.

The IAO Eastern Region Organ Day, to which SSLSO members are invited, is **Saturday 31 May**, 10.30am-4.30pm. For more details and to book a place (£10), visit the [EEOD website](#). Our member Alan Langridge will be the SSLSO organist performing in the composite recital. *If you wish to attend, you do need to book for this and make your own travel arrangements (coach/train are fairly straightforward).*

Recitals and concerts over the next two months

Sundays at 5pm, at Westminster Abbey: weekly half-hour organ recital, admission free.

Mondays at 1pm, at St Michael's Cornhill: [weekly organ recital](#).

Mondays at 1.20pm, at Southwark Cathedral: weekly lunchtime recitals.

Tuesdays at 1.10pm, [Mayfair Organ Concerts](#) at Grosvenor Chapel or St George's, Hanover Square (free, retiring collection).

Wednesdays at 1.15pm, at Temple Church, EC4Y 7HL: free weekly lunchtime recitals.

Thursdays at 1.10pm at St Margaret Lothbury EC2R 6HH: free [lunch-hour recital with commentary](#)

Fridays at 12.30pm at St Margaret Lothbury EC2R 6HH: free [weekly lunchtime recitals](#), relocated from St Stephen Walbrook.

Fridays at 12.30pm, at St George's, Beckenham BR3 1AX: weekly recital series — singers, pianists, string players and more. Free entry, retiring collection for music at St George's.

Saturdays at 11am, at St George's, Beckenham BR3 1AX: weekly recital series.

Saturday 8 March from 9am to 6pm, at London Bridge Station: Members of the Society of Women Organists (SWO) will play "Henry" all day to mark International Women's Day. Come along at any time for as long as you want!

Tuesday 11 March at 1.05pm, at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission EC1Y 1AU: Chingyan Lo (Hong Kong) (admission free).

Tuesday 11 March, at 1.10pm, at The Guards' Chapel, SW1E 6HQ: Polina Sosnina (Brasenose College, Oxford) (free, retiring collection).

Wednesday 19 March, at 1.05pm, at the Welsh Church of Central London W1W 8DJ: Oliver King (St Mary's, Saffron Walden) (free, retiring collection towards expenses and organ maintenance), Glyn Lang memorial series.

Saturday 22 March, at 4pm, at Hampstead Parish Church NW3 6UU: Geoffrey Webber (Hampstead Parish Church) (admission free).

Saturday 22 March, at 7.30pm, at Smith Square Hall (formerly St John's, Smith Square) SW1P 3HA: Hannah Gill (St Nicholas's, Harpenden) plays organ solos in a concert by the Fulham Symphony Orchestra (Tickets £14, concessions £12, under 16s £9).

Thursday 27 March, at 6.30pm, at The Guards' Chapel, SW1E 6HQ: Steven Grahl (Trinity College, Cambridge) (free, retiring collection, wine after).

Saturday 29 March, at 4pm, at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church WC2H 8EP: Thomas Allery (St Mary-le-Bow and Temple Church) (free, retiring collection, buffet).

Sunday 29 March, at 7pm, at Croydon Minster: Handel's Messiah with the choir of Croydon Minster, Whitgift Chamber Choir, and Oxford Bach Soloists (Tickets £15, students/under 18s free).

Saturday 5 April, at 12.30pm, at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Southwark SE1 1TE: Katherine Dienes-Wiliams (Guildford Cathedral) (free, retiring collection).

Sunday 13 April, at 4.30pm, at Southwark Cathedral: A meditation for Holy Week given by James Gough (Southwark Cathedral) (free, retiring collection).

Wednesday 16 April, at 1.05pm, at the Welsh Church of Central London W1W 8DJ: James Andrews (Royal Academy of Music; Royal Hospital, Chelsea) (free, retiring collection towards expenses and organ maintenance), Glyn Lang memorial series.

Saturday 26 April, at 4pm, at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church WC2H 8EP: Colin Walsh (free, retiring collection).

Saturday 26 April, at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood SE19 2XR: Thomas Trotter (Gala Recital after the organ restoration and enhancement) (free, donations, refreshments).

Sunday 27 April, at 3pm, at Methodist Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH: Paul Hale (free, retiring collection).

Further ahead

Saturday 28 June, 7pm, at the Royal Festival Hall: an organ recital including improvisations by Wayne Marshall. Tickets from £20; details [here](#).

2025 Saturday-morning recitals, at 11am, at St John the Evangelist, Goose Green SE22 9AT.

Admission free, retiring collection; refreshments after the recital.

10 May Lucy Morrell (Head of Academic Studies and College Organist, Dulwich College)

14 June Calum Ward (piano)

19 July Dorothea Harris (Organist of the Stadkirche St Michael, Schlüchtern, Hesse)

20 September Peter Wright (former Director of Music of Southwark Cathedral)

2025 Saturday-lunchtime recitals, at 12.30pm, at the Most Precious Blood, Southwark SE1 1TE

5 April Katherine Dienes-Williams (Guildford Cathedral)

3 May Anne Page (Cambridge)

2025 Saturday-evening recitals, at 7.30pm, at St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, Islington N1 8AL. Admission free, collection.

31 May Johannes Skoog (1st prize-winner at the Montreal organ competition)

28 June Gary Sieling

26 July James McVinnie

27 September Katelyn Emerson

Please do join us at an event soon.

With very best wishes to you all,

The SLSO Committee