



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

I hope you are all well and have avoided the dreaded Covid. As life begins to evolve into a new 'normal', it's good to know that music is gradually being reintroduced into our churches. **Our Vice presidents**, Oliver and Rachel, are both back at work, albeit under somewhat constrained circumstances. I'm sure this wasn't the start Rachel wanted in her new role as Director of Music at the Cathedral. We wish her and Oliver well as they get things moving.

Elsewhere, **our President** tells me he is also playing on Sundays now, but unfortunately his **President's Recital**, due to have taken place on Wednesday 9th at Holy Trinity is postponed. He does hope however, to be able to fix a new date in the near future for that, and I will let you know as soon as the date is confirmed.

There is a **live** recital opportunity for anyone interested, at **All Saints Leamington, on Sunday 6th September, at 12.00 noon.**

Last year water came through the roof of All Saints' Church into the organ and the hole is now covered with a plastic sheet. In order to prevent further damage to the organ, work will begin very soon and is estimated to cost over £80,000. The first fundraising event will be an organ recital by our organist, Christopher Beaumont.

Places are limited to 60; first come, first served. Doors open at 11.50am. Please observe social distancing, sanitise hands on entry, wear a facemask, and follow the directions of the stewards. The recital will last roughly 45 minutes.

For those who would prefer not to mingle in public, they plan to livestream the recital on their Facebook page and would ask those listening online also to donate online if possible.

Donations to the Organ Roof Appeal can also be made by going to the church website

<http://www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk/organ-roof.html> or through Just Giving

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/allsaintsleam-organroof>

I've received notifications of a number of online upcoming recitals, and as they come in, Peter adds them to the website. I think some of you will be interested in Margaret Phillips recital from Christchurch Oxford, which will be broadcast on YouTube on Tuesday 29th September 2020 at 8pm. This is the fourteenth annual Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert, and Ms Phillips will play an hour-long programme of organ works by Bach, Böhm, Frescobaldi, Marchand and Walond. The concert is free and the weblink for the live-streamed performance is below:

<https://youtu.be/ujVimzjiuMY>

At the moment, the restrictions mean that even organising a committee meeting is challenging, let alone a Members meeting, but we still hope to get something up and running in the next month or two. All things being equal, I'm hoping to reschedule the venues previously planned for 2020 into the 2021 Calendar.

And finally, I'm sure we'll all wish Ruth Smith the very best for her forthcoming hip operation, which should have taken place in April, and is now planned for next Friday, 11th.

Best Wishes to all our Members, stay safe and well

Ed Goldsmith

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