

Some of the 3,500 pipes of our fine organ are well over 300 years old. Since Henry Purcell gave the opening recital in 1684, the instrument has been enlarged and enriched by a succession of leading organ builders, and it was last restored in 2010 by Nicholsons of Malvern.

Organists of the church have included the 18th century composer William Boyce (here for 32 years), Harold Darke (50 years) and Richard Popplewell. The [Royal] College of Organists was founded here in the 19th century. Many choral and organ works have received their first performances here in St Michael's. The weekly recital series is thought to be the longest-running in the world (it began in 1914).

The continuation of this well-known series depends on the support of the audience. Please be generous as you leave. There is a bowl for cash, a card-reader (for debit or credit cards) and a QR code on display.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

in St Michael's Cornhill

MONDAYS AT ONE May – June 2024

Monday 13 May, 1pm CHRISTOPHER HERRICK (International recording virtuoso) plays the four great Organ Sonatas by FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Monday 20 May, 1pm
RICHARD BRASIER
marks Holst's 150th birthdayand the centenary of Stanford's deathHOLST 4 pieces composed as a teenager:
March in C - Allegretto pastorale -
Postlude in C - Funeral March22STANFORD Organ Sonata 328

Monday 27 May, 1pm Online Bank Holiday Recital by Richard Brasier Join us on Zoom: Meeting ID: 835 1429 8460 Passcode: 084216

Monday 3 June, 1pm DAVID GOODE

(Pre-eminent international recitalist) **plays THE PLANETS by Gustav Holst** incorporating the composer's duet version of

Neptune (played with Makoto James)

Monday 10 June, 1pm MAKOTO JAMES

(Assistant, St Michael's Cornhill) VIERNE, tr Duruflé Trois Improvisations 12 SAINT-SAËNS Improvisations in A & a 7 MEL BONIS Elevation - Cantabile 6 DURUFLÉ Prélude, Adagio & Chorale varié 22

> 17 June: BEN COMEAU 24 June: SARAH BALDOCK 1 July: ANTHONY GRITTEN 8 July: GEORGE HERBERT