

PIPE ORGAN

NEWSLETTER



October Newsletter

VISION STATEMENT

We want the church to have a pipe organ that fully and reliably supports its music for generations to come, both within the church and for the local community, and which encourages the development of future church organists.

IS IT REALLY THAT URGENT?

Sadly it is, and the longer we leave it the more it will deteriorate.

The church's organ is a finely crafted three-manual pipe organ, built in 1931. It is a vital part of regular church services, weddings, baptisms, funerals, community parade services and local school carol services, as well as supporting our large and very active church choir. The organ also enables budding young organists to develop their skills and musicianship - some of whom have recently gone on to become organ scholars at Cambridge University, St George's Chapel Windsor, St Andrew's University and Westminster Cathedral.

At nearly 100 years old, despite regular maintenance and a partial overhaul in 1994, the organ has been gradually ageing, so some elements are now unusable or unreliable, and it periodically emits random blasts of unwanted, intrusive sound. As well as occasionally disrupting services, this makes it very hard for visiting organists who don't know the organ's foibles, and it's becoming a completely unsuitable instrument for learners.

FUNDRAISING



PIPE ORGAN RENOVATION FUND



Calling for donations!
Please use the QR code
below

For the full listing of events at St. Paul's in 2026
visit www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall

All services take place at the Parish Church unless stated otherwise.

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We have managed to raise nearly **£30,000** so far which is a tremendous effort. We would like to thank all of you who have so kindly donated already to the fund. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We estimate the total amount we will need to raise to be over **£350,000** and we would like to achieve £100,000 as raised locally. This will help to persuade the external funders we approach that there is significant local support for this project.

PROJECT MILESTONES



3 companies have received the specification of the work to be undertaken. We are waiting for them to return with their quotes.

In the meantime a lot of work has gone into creating striking visuals to track the success of our fundraising. A massive thank you to **Jo and Jon Winter** for all the hard work they have put into their designs for the accumulator that you can see in the picture as well as all the artwork supporting our soon to be released Sponsor-a-Pipe campaign.

ORGANIST CORNER



Each month we aim to bring you a recording of one of our organists who will tell us in their own words why the organ at St. Paul's means so much to them and the church.

This month it's the turn of **Miles Peacock** to tell us his story.

EVENTS FOR 2027



BACCHUS
Wind Orchestra
Brynly Clarke, Conductor

For 2027, we are looking forward to inviting back many of the external performers we enjoyed so much this year. The first of these who have already been confirmed is the wonderful **Bacchus Wind Orchestra**. They will be returning to St. Paul's on **Saturday 9th October 2027**. Please put the date in your diary.

We hope to offer a broad range of events covering several areas of the arts. If you have any suggestions of specific performers or type of events you would like to see at St. Paul's in 2027 then please let the church office know by clicking the **"Contact Us"** button at the end of this email.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Do you know anyone who is a Web designer or who can help us set up our **"Sponsor-a-pipe" Web page**? It could suit someone just starting out in their career who would like to build up their portfolio of projects. Or it would suit anyone looking for a project that is slightly different and more unusual.

Please let the Church Office know if you think you can help us by clicking the **"Contact Us"** button at the end of this newsletter.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Over the course of 2026, we have had a wonderful variety of events from both our own choir and external performers and orchestras. It has been an enormous source of joy to witness such a remarkable array of talent.

If you have any **photos** or **videos** of any of our events in 2026 and you are happy to share them then please do send them by clicking the button below.

Your photos and videos could be shown on our website or used in the promotion of our 2027 events.

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This month we have introduced two new developments on the St. Paul's website, both of which can be accessed by clicking on the button above.

- You can now donate money direct to the Organ Renovation fund directly from our website. This comes with an additional benefit. Every pound you donate via the website goes to the fund - nothing will be lost because of bank or processing charges.
- To make sure you never miss out on future newsletters, you can now register your interest by completing a simple form on our website. It takes no more than two minutes so please spread the word amongst all your friends and family by forwarding them this email and encouraging them to subscribe by clicking the button below. You can also email the Church Office using the "**Contact Us**" button at the end of this newsletter with the names and email addresses of those you would like to have added to the newsletter distribution.

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