

**Bexley & District Organists' &  
Chormasters' Association**  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Diary Dates 2023

Mainly an outline of events we hope to hold this coming year.

Dates subject to confirmation.

Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	New Year Meal at Assos
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:45pm	Talk by Daniel Moulton
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> 12noon	SE London Organ Crawl
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Hymn talk - Rev'd Canon Dr Gordon Giles
March 26 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	BDOCA Singers Evensong
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Visit to Horniman Museum
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Manchester Cathedral Chorister talk
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Celebrity Recital - Tim Harper - St John's, Sidcup
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2pm	Members Composite Recital
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Hunt
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> 12:00	Meal at Hall Place, Miller and Carter
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	BDOCA AGM

Further details about events in this and future issues

**Please do support these events - the more the merrier!**

## January 2023

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## New Year Dinner

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 7pm  
Assos Restaurant, Crayford Road, DA1 4ES

Our Annual New Year Dinner is open to all members, friends and family. The Assos Restaurant offers a wide range of Turkish and Mediterranean dishes. There is a choice of the set meal (Meze style) or 'à la carte'. There is convenient street parking nearby, or in the Sainsbury's carpark (4 hours free), or the Tower Retail carpark (3 hours free).

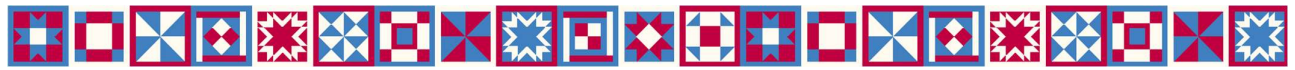
18 members and friends have booked for the meal, and booking is now closed.

## Talk by Daniel Moulton

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7:45pm  
The Vine Community church,  
Axminster Crescent, Welling, DA16 1HF

Come and join us for an illustrated talk by our patron Daniel Moulton who will be sharing with us information about his *Bach Expression* Project with Fugue State Films. There will be time to ask questions and the evening will conclude with a buffet.

Members from our neighbouring organisations are very welcome to come and join us.



## SE London Organ Crawl

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 12 noon

**Please let Reg know by 8th February** if you wish to partake in this most interesting trip round some of the churches in SE London. Many thanks to Aeron for organising the itinerary and bookings.

12:00 Gather at **The Brookmill Pub** 65 Cranbrook Rd, London SE8 4EJ for (sandwich) lunch.

*A short walk from **St John's** railway station; next to **Cranbrook Road (SX)** on the **47** bus from Lewisham station to Shoreditch*

*Walk to first venue via **St John's Vale***

13:00 visit **St John's Church, Deptford** (St John's Vale, London SE8 4EA)

The organ is a three-manual instrument built by J. J. Binns in 1901. It shows some evidence of the influence of Schulze, with open-tip voicing on the Large Open Diapason on the Great, and unweighted reed basses.

*Depart at 14:00 for the next venue*

*Walk to **Cranbrook Road (SX)** for the **47** bus; alight at **St James's Road (Stop C)***

15:00 visit **St James's Church, Bermondsey** (Thurland Rd, London SE16 4AA)

The organ was built in 1829 by J. C. Bishop, and was one of the earliest English instruments with a reasonably independent pedal division and composition pedals. Since many English organists were unused to pedalboards, Bishop also provided a small keyboard to play the pedal division.

*Depart at 16:00 for the next venue;*

*Walk to **St James's Road (Stop C)** for the **381** bus; to **Southwark Bridge Road (Stop BL)***

16:30 visit **Church of the Most Precious Blood (Ordinariate of OLW)** (O'Meara St, London SE1 1TD)

The organ is a recent addition to this Ordinariate church, having been installed recently by Gary Owens; the core is from an instrument by Lewis in 1875 for St Mark's, Battersea Rise, later expanded in 1912 by the same firm (after Lewis's departure from the firm); there have been further additions in Lewis's style since installation in MPB.

*Walk to the restaurant via **Southwark Bridge Road***

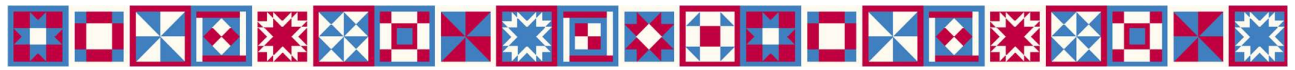
18:30 Dinner at **Zizzi** (Riverside Hs, Mezzanine Level, Southwark Bridge Rd, London SE1 9HA)

## Hymn Talk by Rev'd Canon Dr Gordon Giles

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7:30pm

At **St John's church, Danson Lane, Welling, DA16 2BQ**

Canon Giles is on the staff of Rochester cathedral. And he's also on the boards of various hymnal compiling bodies. We are looking forward to hearing from him how hymnody is developing. We'll probably get chance for some discourse on how practically to apply our ideas.



## **BDOCA Singers Evensong**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 5pm  
At St Mary's church, Ide Hill, TN14 6JW

To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Arcadelt: Ave Maria  
Radcliffe: Preces & Responses  
Moore: Magnificat & Nunc dimittis, 2<sup>nd</sup> service  
Hassler: Dixit Maria

All are welcome to attend the service and dinner after at the Pheasant Plucker pub.  
**Please let Reg know by 8th March** including £10 deposit for the dinner.

## **Visit to Horniman Museum**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2pm  
100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ

This visit to Horniman Museum is still in the planning stages. Our member, Melvyn, hopes to put together a quiz based on the items found in the museum. It should prove to be a fascinating and enlightening afternoon.

The plan is to go somewhere for dinner after the visit. More details will be given nearer the time.

## **'The ups and downs of life as a cathedral chorister'**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7pm  
At St John's church, Bexley  
A former Manchester cathedral chorister reveals all!  
All are welcome.  
More details will be given nearer the time.

## **Celebrity Recital**

Tim Harper (Ripon cathedral)  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 7:30pm  
St John's church, Sidcup

Join us for the third Celebrity Recital by members of the Harper family. Tim has been the Assistant Organist at Ripon cathedral since 2014.

Tickets (at the door): Adults £10      BDOCA members £5      Under 16 £1



## Members' Composite Recital

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023 at 2pm

St Michael's church, Ravenscroft Road, Beckenham, BR3 4TN

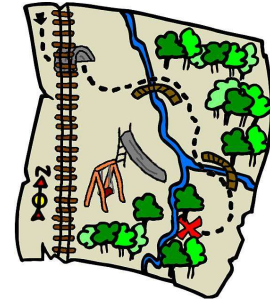
The organ in St Michael's was put in 10 years ago, paid for by the then organist, now deceased. It's a Mander and was supposed to be a copy of the one in St Giles, Cripplegate, although John Mander modified the voicing. It's a nice instrument, but Sw to Gt has developed some weight.

We can have access from 1pm, with the recital starting at 2pm. Reg. will be scouting for volunteers to play nearer the time.

## Treasure Hunt

Secret Destination  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

More details will follow nearer the time regarding our annual afternoon of sleuthing to be followed by an organ recital and an evening meal in a nearby hostelry.



## Summer Meal

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, 12 noon

Miller and Carter Restaurant

Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley, DA5 1PQ

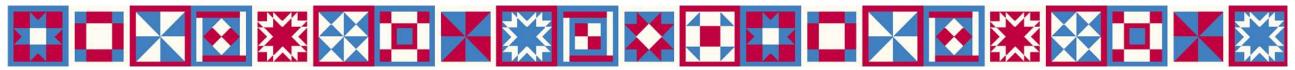
All are welcome to join us at Hall Place for our summer lunch at the restaurant at Hall Place. We will need to book so further details will be given nearer the time. There is ample parking, and if it's a nice day, we can enjoy a stroll round the gardens and visitor centre - that's free! The house is only open for pre-booked guided tours. The Bexley Butterfly House and Jambs Owl Experience can be found next to the glass house - charges apply for entry to both. The date for final booking will be published in due course.

## BDOCA AGM

The BDOCA AGM will be held at All Saints church, Foots Cray on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm. This will include a members' composite recital and conclude with light refreshments.

## Welcome new member

The Association extends a warm welcome to Mr John D'Souza.  
We look forward to getting to know him.



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