



**Bexley & District Organists' &
Choirmasters' Association**
NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates 2023 - 2024

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

2023

- 21st Oct, 5pm BDOCA Singers Choral Evensong – St Mary’s, Welling
- 25th Nov, Quiz evening via Zoom

2024

- January TBC Talk by Dr. Giles on Carols – St John’s, Welling
- February TBC Organ Crawl
- 13th March, 7pm Dinner at Assos, Crayford
- April TBC Visit to Dulwich College and/or Southwark RC Cathedral
- 11th May, 2pm Hand Bells at The Vine, Welling
- June TBC Celebrity Recital
- July TBC Visit to Royal Albert Hall
- 17th August Treasure Hunt
- 25th Sept, 7:30pm Composite Recital & BDOCA AGM – All Saints’, Foots Cray

Further details about events in this and future issues

Please do support these events - the more the merrier!

October 2023

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Subscriptions for 2023-2024

Membership fees are now due. Therefore, if you have not done so already, can I remind you that payment is now due (unless you are a life member).

Payment can be made in cash, or by cheque or bank transfer. The rates are £23.00 (Ordinary member); £18.00 (Senior); £5.00 (Student).

Our Bank details are:

- Bank name: Santander
- Sort Code: 09-01-54
- Account No: 5637 1087
- Name: Bexley District Organists

Alternatively, you can post a cheque to:

- 49 Pickford Road
- Bexleyheath
- Kent
- DA7 4AG

Doug Snow (BDOCA Treasurer)



President's report from AGM 20th September 2023

We've had an interesting year, with plenty of variety.

In October, Melvyn devised an online quiz, which was great fun.

Then, in February, a gripping talk by Dan on his *Bach Expression* project. Dan does so bring life to a topic. Later in the month, Aeron organised an organ crawl ending at the Most Sacred Blood church at London Bridge, which was an enthralling look at what they'd done with an imported organ.

In March, BDOCA Singers sang evensong at St Mary's, Ide Hill. A goodly congregation and very welcoming people made it a joy. Later in the month, we had a talk by Canon Giles on hymnody, from the angle of his involvements in various hymnals, including the upcoming *Revised English Hymnal*; we hope to ask him back next year to further his mentions of carols.

In April, Melvyn organised a quiz at the Horniman Museum, which was good fun - even if their cafe is overpriced!

In May, Tim Harper's recital at St John's, Sidcup was absolutely wonderful. Sadly, I couldn't be there, but was sent some magnificent clips. And his wife singing (as well as his kids there - lovely) was a beautiful extra. And there was a darned good audience.

In June, we were scheduled for a composite recital at St Michael's, Beckenham. Lovely Mander organ, but poor turnout, perhaps because of the train strike. The few of us there made the best of it.

July saw the Treasure Hunt. This year in Gravesend.

August was the lunch. We couldn't get in at the Miller and Carter, Hall Place, so went to the Star, Sidcup Place. Good[-ish] food, but dreadful service. We must find a good pub to go to next year. Suggestions?

September will see our AGM at All Saints, Foots Cray, with a composite recital at the start. I probably shan't be there, so I'm writing this report early, as I may be in hospital then.

One thing to look at, in the new year, is whether to continue the Chorister's Competition. I asked for feedback on this, some time ago, but got very little. It is looking unlikely that it will come back.

Finally, I want to give warm wishes to Dennis Moor, who is leaving us to move to the coast. He has been a stalwart member for many years, and will be sorely missed.

Reg. Boulton
25.8.23

written now, as the NHS has left me in awful limbo!



BDOCA Singers Evensong

Celebrating the fest of St Luke (18th October)

5pm, Saturday 21st October 2023

St Mary's the Virgin, Wickham Street, Welling, DA16 3NR

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Andante tranquillo* - Peter Warlock arr. Noel Rawsthorne

INTROIT: *O King, all glorious* - Willan

PRECES & RESPONSES: Smith of Durham

PSALM: *Jubilate* - Thalben-Ball

MAGNIFICAT

& NUNC DIMITTIS: Charles Grey

ANTHEM: *Honour a physician* - Thalben-Ball

OFFICE HYMN: *Creating God*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: No. 5 from Six short preludes and postludes
(founded on an old Irish church melody) - CV Stanford

Officiant: Revd. Cathy Knight-Scott

Organist: Peter Mitchell

Conductor: Reg. Boulton

RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

All are welcome to attend.

BDOCA Singers Membership

The BDOCA Singers are keen to increase membership. The SATB choir was formed in 2018 and first sang Evensong in March 2019. The proposal at that time was to sing Choral Evensong 2-3 times a year at various churches in the area with 4-5 rehearsals in the preceding months. The pandemic interrupted this somewhat, but the choir resumed last year and the Evensong at St Mary's, Welling, this October will be the second such service given in 2023. In order to continue to enjoy a varied and interesting repertoire, the choir needs to grow. Rehearsals are held at All Saints' church, Foots Cray. Singers do not have to be BDOCA members and there is no subscription fee other than a small donation for the church at each rehearsal, so please spread the word. Further details can be obtained from Reg. Boulton, or any committee member.



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**Welcome New BDOCA Member
Herman Jordaan**

We have a new member: Herman Jordaan, D.Mus., FRCO, recently appointed DoM at St John's, Sidcup. A very warm welcome to him.

Herman grew up in Pretoria, South Africa. He studied organ with Wim Viljoen at the University of Pretoria. He continued his studies at the Conservatory of Amsterdam with Jacques van Oortmerssen and also studied at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague with Jos van der Kooy. He obtained the degree Doctor of Music (Performing Art) at the University of Pretoria in 2021, with his studies focusing on South African organ music. He was winner of the first prize at the Interpretation Competition at the prestigious St Albans International Organ Festival in the United Kingdom in 2003. He was also awarded first prizes at the Schnitger International Organ Competition, the International Organ Competition Nijmegen, and the Unisa National Organ Competition, and second prize at the Kotka International Organ Competition. He is a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists. International concert tours have taken him around the world – South Africa, Europe, the United States, and as far as Russia.

We look forward to getting to know him.

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