Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist (Charity No. 1131052)

ORGAN APPEAL TARGET HAS BEEN REACHED! £204,630 Raised

(July 2020)

The organ is in urgent need of complete restoration. Until recently, the instrument was making a glorious contribution to concerts and special events, including school carol services, Royal Borough civic services, weddings and funerals, as well as in regular Sunday services. However, its condition has become very poor in recent years, and since January 2020 it has been unusable. The history and specification of the organ are set out in a separate leaflet available in the church and on the A Church Near You website.

The appeal total is £204,630 for the restoration to be carried out by Bishop & Son. Thanks to many generous donations and proceeds from events, the total was reached in January 2020. In raising this figure, the church has received great support from trust funds both local and national, from schools and other community organisations that use the church, and from parishioners and other individuals who have a connection with the church and its music. Subject to responses to a Public Notice being displayed in June/July 2020, the Diocese of Oxford has agreed to issue a faculty for the restoration of the organ to be carried out by Bishop & Son organ builders.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PARISH CHURCH ORGAN APPEAL

THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES BOTH DONATIONS AND PLEDGES:

Anonymous bequest
Parochial Church Council
The Leonard Family
The Hobson Charity Ltd
Horace Moore Charitable Trust

Elton John Charitable Trust NBC

Williams Church Music Trust
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
The Prince Philip Trust
The Windsor Boys' School Christmas Collections
Shanly Foundation
Royal Free Singers
Payne-Gallwey Charitable Trust
Allchurches Trust
Royal Albert Institute Trustees
Ardeola Charitable Trust

Louis Baylis Trust
The Friends of Windsor Parish Church
ITN, ITV and ITV Meridian

Windsor & Eton Choral Society
The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation
The Privy Purse

The Mayor and three Councillors of the RBWM LVS Ascot

Windsor & Eton Rotary Club
Montgomery Holloway Music Trust
Ormonde Charitable Trust
Friends of Cathedral Music
Stephen Clark Charitable Trust
The Dean & Canons of Windsor

Several anonymous charitable trusts, Many individual parishioners and friends, Proceeds of many fundraising events, concerts and sales

The Parish is now seeking to raise an additional £6,000 to fund the hire of a temporary digital organ to use while the works on the main organ are carried out. By 1^{st} July 2020, approximately £4,000 of the £6,000 has been raised. If you would like to make a contribution towards the remainder, and to build up a reserve against possible future needs, please:

- Send a cheque payable to "PCC Windsor Parish Church with All Saints" to Mr Michael Harding (churchwarden) at 1 Errington Drive, Windsor, SL4 5EG, marking the reverse of the cheque "Parish Church Organ Appeal"
- Put your donation in one of the small blue gift aid envelopes on the display next to the organ, and place this in the collection box at the back of church or in the main porch
- Or make a bank transfer to HSBC Bank, Account name "PCC Windsor Parish Church with All Saints", Account Number 51055526, Sort Code 40-42-09 putting a Reference "PC Organ"

If you make a bank transfer, it would also be helpful if you would email Michael Harding on warden@windsorparishchurch.org.uk to confirm and to arrange gift aid, if appropriate, to increase the value of your gift.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Michael Harding (Churchwarden), John Halsey (Organist & Choirmaster)

The Organ by A. Hunter & Son (1906) in Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist



"The ideal Parish Church organ"

(Sir Sydney Nicholson, Founder, Royal School of Church Music)