



## ORGAN RECITALS AND GUIDED TOURS

### Visit St Laurence's, Ludlow The Cathedral of the Marches

St Laurence's is one of the finest parish churches in England, accorded 5-star status by architectural historian, Simon Jenkins, in his book, "England's Thousand Best Churches". Why not visit St Laurence's, and enjoy an organ recital, a guided tour and see for yourself the Snetzler and Wetheringsett organs.

In 1764, through the generosity of the Earl of Powys, John Snetzler, a Swiss organ builder living in London, completed what still remains today one of the finest parish church organs in the country. The Wetheringsett organ is only in St Laurence's until March 2020: almost 30 years ago, an utterly decrepit door, riddled with holes ancient and modern, emerged from behind a partition during work on an old farmhouse in Suffolk. That battered door was to open up the long-lost voice of the English medieval church.

**Two Tours with Talks** are being organized for members of Organ Associations and enthusiasts, which include an Organ Recital and a buffet lunch.

**The cost of each Tour is £25 which includes:**

- Coffee on arrival
- Buffet lunch
- Organ Recital
- Group Tour of the Church and Talks on the Organs
- Tea and biscuits to finish.

**The Tour with Talks are on two Saturdays:**

- 1) Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July when Peter Dyke will perform an Audience Request programme.
- 2) Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October when Roger Judd will play music by César Franck and J. S. Bach.

Email: [tours@stlaurences.org.uk](mailto:tours@stlaurences.org.uk)

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Places on these tours are limited – booking form attached.



## ABOUT THE ORGANISTS

### **Peter Dyke Organ Recital – Saturday 20 July 2019 at 1:00 pm**

**Audience Request Programme – the audience is invited to submit their requests by 30th June to [artsstlaurence@btinternet.com](mailto:artsstlaurence@btinternet.com)**

**Peter Dyke**, born in Hertfordshire, was organ scholar of Robinson College, Cambridge, and gained his FRCO in 1987. In 1998 he took up his post current post as Assistant Director of Music at Hereford Cathedral, where, as well as accompanying the daily services, he has played for the choir on its frequent broadcasts, tours and recordings.

He founded and directs Hereford Cathedral Voluntary Choir, which has given world premieres at home, Three Choirs Festivals and toured continental Europe. In 1993, Peter was awarded second prize in the interpretation competition at the St Albans International Organ Festival and has since pursued an active recital career, playing throughout the British Isles and further afield; he gave a recital at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris in May 2016. His biennial performances of Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur* have become a much-anticipated fixture in Hereford Cathedral's liturgical calendar and have brought a large number of people to a new appreciation of Messiaen's music.

Peter has helped to found two highly successful organists' training schemes. His work in this and other fields was recognised by the award of ARSCM in 2010.

His solo recordings have included music by J S Bach at St Albans Abbey and English Romantic repertoire at Hereford. A more recent Hereford disc, including his own transcription of Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, has had several favourable reviews internationally. In 2005 he recorded a series of short programmes from Germany for BBC Radio 3 exploring Bach's journey to Lübeck in 1705, broadcast as part of that network's highly successful *A Bach Christmas*. He continues to study improvisation with Thomas Dahl in Hamburg.

### **Roger Judd Organ Recital – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 1:00 pm**

**Les Trois Chorals of César Franck (1822-90) juxtaposed with manuals only chorales of J S Bach (1685-1750) from the Klavierübung III**

**Roger Judd's** musical journey runs from chorister at Winchester Cathedral, an organ scholarship at Pembroke College, Cambridge, the organ lofts at Ely Cathedral, St Michael's College Tenbury Wells, and latterly St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, from which he retired in 2008 after 23 years. Subsequently, Roger was honoured by HM The Queen with Membership of the Royal Victorian Order. In 2015 St Michael's made him Organist Emeritus. His work at Windsor involved accompanying the choir on radio and television broadcasts, recordings and concert tours and many services at which the Royal family was present. For four terms he was acting Director of Music during an interregnum. He has a number of solo CDs to his credit for Herald and Priory.

After sixteen years research, in November 2015, Positif Press published Roger's long-awaited history of *The Organs* in Windsor Castle. The wide-ranging book covers all organs played in St George's Chapel and the State Apartments over the centuries, and has excellent reviews.

Now living near Hereford, Roger plays at St Laurence's Ludlow as Sub Organist and is involved with the Diocese of Hereford Organists' Training Scheme, helping village organists raise their game. For six years he was chairman of the Hereford Organists' Society, and plays on occasion as deputy organist at Hereford Cathedral; Dean Close School Cheltenham; Tewksbury Abbey and St Michael's Tenbury. Highlights in 2016 included four concerts in Norway at Kristiansand, Oslo and Trondheim Cathedrals. In 2017 he played at St Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York and Memorial Church, Harvard University and at Hereford and St Edmundsbury Cathedrals, and Hexham Abbey. In 2018 he played in Ely, Gloucester, Westminster and Winchester Cathedrals, The Queen's College Oxford and King's College, Cambridge.

# BOOKING FORM

**Saturday 20 July 2019 : Peter Dyke, Hereford Cathedral**  
**Saturday 12 October 2019 : Roger Judd, St Laurence's Ludlow**

Please complete and return to:  
Organ Recitals and Tours, Parish Office,  
No 2 College Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1AN.  
Email: [tours@stlaurences.org.uk](mailto:tours@stlaurences.org.uk) or phone 01584 875438

## TIMETABLE

11.15 onwards	Registration – tea or coffee
12.00	Buffet lunch: <u>contact us if you have any dietary requests.</u>
	Wine on sale
1.00 pm	Organ Recital
2.05 pm	Tour and Talks
3.30 pm	Tea and biscuits to finish

There may be an opportunity to play the organs for a limited number of delegates  
Please tick the box if interested. Places allocated in order of receipt.

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**Cost PER PERSON: £25.00 \***

Please reserve ..... places for Saturday 20 July

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NAME OF ATTENDEE(S) .....

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I enclose cash or cheque for £..... payable to **Ludlow PCC**

Contact Name.....Address.....

Postcode.....Phone.....

Email.....

*\*A percentage of the fee will go to Ludlow Arts Classical, organisers of the Organ Recitals*