

Music at St Andrew's, Rushmere

Worship at St Andrew's follows the Anglican tradition, and is supported by a number of talented and dedicated musicians. On most Sunday mornings, the music is led by an experienced robed choir and accompanied on the organ. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a more informal service entitled 'Worship for All', at which the music is led by a Music Group of singers and instrumentalists.

Since 2007, a series of concerts has been held on five consecutive Sunday afternoons every spring and autumn; these have become a regular feature not only of our Church calendar but also of Ipswich's musical life. A wide variety of music is performed by soloists, instrumental ensembles and choirs, and young local talent is encouraged wherever possible. There is usually an organ recital in each series.

Other occasional concerts take place throughout the year, and some of these have featured performers of national and international stature as well as local choirs such as Ipswich Chamber Choir and Gippeswyk Singers.

Overall responsibility for this programme of music is vested in the Organist and Director of Music, in consultation with the Church's Music Panel and PCC.

The Organ

The Rushmere organ was originally built in 1882 by J. D. Dixon of Cambridge, and stood on the north side of the nave. In 1948 it was rebuilt by Messrs Hill, Norman and Beard and the pipework was moved to its current position at the west end of the church, with a new detached console halfway up the north aisle. The inscribed wooden panelling beneath the organ case, a memorial to parishioners who had died in the Second World War, was added in 1955.

A major restoration of the instrument was carried out in 2002 by Bishop & Son of Ipswich, followed in 2008 by the replacement of the 1948 console. Further work was undertaken in 2014 to renew the organ's electrical components and enhance its performance by means of a fully comprehensive stop capture system. The most recent improvement (and the first to be paid for by the Friends) was the replacement of the main wind trunk connecting the blower to the organ chamber.

Becoming a Friend of Rushmere Organ

The principal aim of *The Friends of Rushmere Organ* is to support the maintenance and repair of this fine instrument. The organ is the Parish's single largest financial commitment after the care and maintenance of the church building, and it is hoped that in future the bulk of the costs associated with the organ will no longer have to be met directly from Parish funds. The Friends have also recently started to support the cost of organ lessons at Rushmere for one young pupil, in collaboration with Suffolk Organists' Association.

As a Friend we ask you for a minimum annual donation of £25 (£35 for joint membership), renewable on 1st January each year. It is possible to join later in the year on a pro rata basis.

As well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve and maintain one of Ipswich's finest parish church organs, and thereby the rich musical life of St Andrew's, we also offer Friends a free outing or other social event, and a complimentary newsletter.

To become a Friend, simply fill in the form below and place it (together with your donation) in the offertory at church, marking your envelope 'Friends' Scheme'. Alternatively, send it to the Friends' Membership Secretary, Pat Stacey, at 73 Deben Avenue, Martlesham, Ipswich IP5 3QR.

I would like to join The Friends of Rushmere Organ and enclose a donation of £25 (single membership) £35 (joint membership) or £_____

Please tick/complete as appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to 'PCC St Andrew's Rushmere'. Please write 'Friends' Scheme' on the back of your cheque

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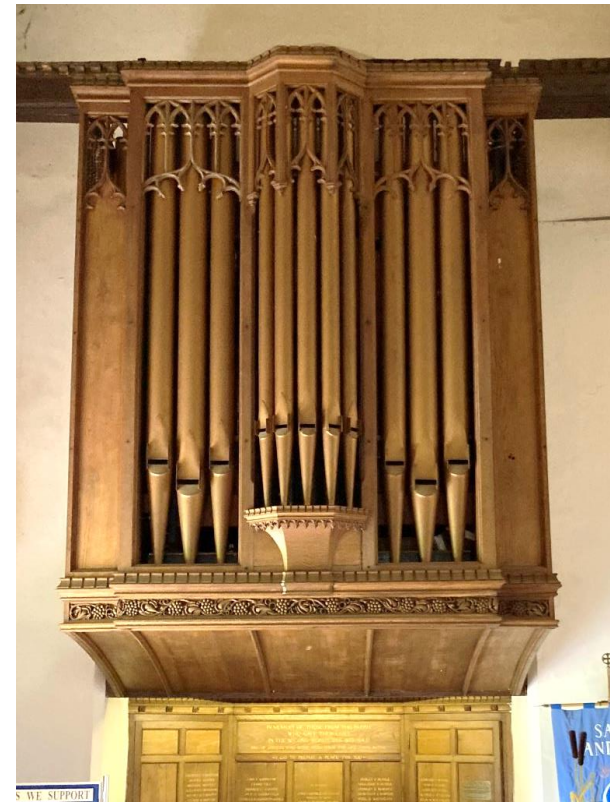
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Enclosure (*please tick as appropriate*): Cheque Cash Standing Order *

** If you wish to pay by standing order, please use the enclosed Standing Order Mandate form*

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