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EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH

Edington Organ Project

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Why do we need a new organ?

EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL in Wiltshire is one of the world's leading Festivals of Church Music, enjoying a reputation far beyond the UK. Since 1956, when a small group of Cambridge choral scholars spent a few days singing for the services in the beautiful setting of the fourteenth-century Edington Priory Church, it has grown to a week-long summer celebration of church music. Nearly 80 church musicians from Cathedrals and Colleges across the country now come together voluntarily to offer complex, varied and extraordinarily beautiful music to people who travel from all over the world to join the community in worship which is open to all.



The organ which provides accompaniment for the Festival, as well as underpinning worship in the Priory the rest of the year, was built by Henry Jones in 1905. It is now in decline, and needs considerable work not just to restore it to its original condition, but to bring its pitch into line with standard modern pitch, making it easier for the choirs who sing with it but also enabling instrumentalists to use organ accompaniment. Such work would commit the Church to considerable expenditure at a time when there are other pressing demands on its resources both at home and abroad.



The Edington Music Festival sees this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give something back to the church and people of Edington who have provided a home for the Festival for so many years. We have undertaken to raise the necessary funds to install a new organ of the highest calibre, designed specifically for the Priory Church. This will help not only to secure the future of the Music Festival but will also provide the Church with a better facility for its own Parish worship.

My first visit to the Edington Festival in 1971 opened my eyes and ears to the infinite heights and depths of the power of music within the liturgy.

NEIL HEAVISDES (VICAR OF EDINGTON 1988–1994)

How much do we need to raise?

EVERY ORGAN IS UNIQUE. We have specified an instrument which will fulfil the demands of both daily worship and Festival performance, tailored to the special environment of our ancient and historic English country church. It has been designed and will be built by Harrison and Harrison of Durham, the country's foremost organ builders (www.harrison-organs.co.uk). The casework will be carefully crafted to complement the beautiful interior of the Priory Church, and will be built by Wiltshire cabinet makers Penny's Mill (www.pennysmilldesigns.co.uk).



The new organ will be a legacy which will serve the Church for generations to come. To secure it will cost £400,000. The good news is that with the help of the Friends of Edington Priory Church, and through individual gifts and pledges, we have already raised nearly half that amount.



We aim to reach the target in three years, and we need your help to raise the balance.



Having grown up with the Edington festival from the age of 10, I am deeply indebted to it for the wonderful opportunities I experienced, and they certainly helped to shape my career. The festival is a fabulous week, but the village of Edington and the people associated with it are equally important. A new organ will benefit both the festival and the church, so I am delighted to support the project. JULIAN THOMAS (FESTIVAL DIRECTOR 2004–2009)

How can you help us?

BECOME AN EDINGTON Festival Organ Donor by **sponsoring a pipe** or **sending a donation**. The new organ will have over 1500 pipes, varying in length from only half an inch to 16 feet. Each pipe, whatever its length, plays an important role in creating the wonderful variety of sounds the organ makes. Likewise, donations of all sizes will contribute to making this project a reality, an enduring legacy for Edington Priory Church, the Parish and its local community, and for the wider community of music lovers spread far and wide.



You can sponsor a pipe from as little as £25, up to £200 for the largest pipes. Alternatively, you could sponsor an entire stop which contains up to 58 different pipes. For information please contact Sue Lowery, Appeal Administrator (details on page 7).



Your gift can be in your name or for someone else – why not sponsor a pipe in memory of someone close to you? Or sponsor a pipe or stop as a wedding or special birthday present – or to mark the arrival of children or grandchildren? You can sponsor as an individual, or collectively with friends, families or with colleagues through your business. **Whatever the amount of your gift, we will be delighted to recognise your support.**



All donors will receive a certificate of sponsorship stating which pipe(s) have been assigned to them and have a name and relevant dedication recorded in the book of donors to be sited near the new organ.



Sponsors of an entire stop, or donors who have given more than £5000, will have their names recorded on a plaque near the new organ case.

No other single development could be more important for the long-term future of the festival, and the design of the instrument will be a feast for the eyes as well as for the ears.

JOHN BARNARD (FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT SINCE 1971)



I would like to become an Edington Music Festival Organ Donor by sponsoring:

- ___ pipe(s) of 2' or less each 2' pipe is £25
the very brightest and highest sounds on the organ
- ___ pipe(s) of 4' each 4' pipe is £50
high, clear sounding, like a flute or recorder
- ___ pipe(s) of 8' each 8' pipe is £100
the main foundations of the organ's sound, a range of rich tones
- ___ pipe(s) of 16' each 16' pipe is £200
the biggest pipes on this organ, producing the lowest notes played mainly by the pedals

I would like the sponsorship to be in the name of
(please print clearly)



OR

I would like to make a donation of

£

Why not make your donation an annual gift for three years, the duration of the Appeal? Please tick the box and we will send you a Standing Order form.

Please tick here if you would prefer NOT to have your donation recorded publicly.

Please complete the GiftAid form overleaf to increase the value of your gift to us by at least 20%.



I WOULD LIKE THE EDINGTON ORGAN PROJECT to reclaim the tax on all qualifying subscriptions and donations and all further gifts I make from 6th April 2011 until I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer, and that I have paid an amount of UK income or capital gains tax equal to any tax reclaimed by the Edington Festival Organ Appeal.

Signed

Date

Your details

Name (please print)

Address

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Post Code

Email address

Daytime telephone number

(in case of query)

Note:

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year.

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Administrator of the Appeal.

If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return.

If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask an accountant for help, or visit the HMRC website, www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid

What to do now

Send your completed form to: Organ Project Administrator,
10 High Street, Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire BA14 6EL.

Please make cheques payable to 'Edington Music Festival
Association Organ Project'.

**Alternatively, you can make a donation securely
online through the Edington Festival website
www.edingtonfestival.org**

If you have any questions about donating, or about GiftAid,
please contact the Administrator, Sue Lowery, on 01380 871549,
or email: organproject@edingtonfestival.org



Finally, if, when the time is right,
you would like to consider making
a gift in your will which would
benefit Edington Priory even after
the organ project has been
completed, please contact Sue
Lowery. Charitable gifts are not
part of your estate for Inheritance
Tax purposes.

The Edington Organ Project is administered by
Edington Festival Music Association (Registered
Charity No: 1099266) in conjunction with Edington
Parochial Church Council and the support of the
Friends of Edington Priory Church.

In the event that the target is exceeded, excess funds
will be divided equally between Edington Music
Festival Association to further their aims, the Friends
of Edington Priory and a fund for projects specific to
the village and parishioners of Edington.

Every August for 55 years Edington village has had the privilege of hosting the unique 'Festival of Music within the Liturgy' in its magnificent Priory Church. We welcome musicians from prestigious Cathedrals and University Colleges, and throughout the week the Church is packed with people from near and far who are inspired and uplifted by the glorious worship to God. Long may it continue.

FRANCES WEBB (A RESIDENT AND CHURCH MEMBER FOR 42 YEARS)

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