

Songs of Praise Toccata
Robert Prizeman (b.1952)

Prelude and Double Fugue in E Minor
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5 in C BWV 529
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Fugue in C Major from Sonata No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Erbarm' Dich Mein, O Herre Gott
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Pièce Héroïque
César Franck (1822-90)

Biography

Brian Cotterill grew up in Farnham, Surrey, where he studied piano with Marjorie Livock and organ with David Victor-Smith whilst a head chorister at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church. He gained a music scholarship to Lord Wandsworth College and then progressed to University College, Cardiff where he studied organ with Robert Court and composition with Alun Hoddinott and Timothy Taylor, during which time, as Organ Scholar, he held the position of Organist at the University Parish Church.

Brian has held several organist posts, including three highly successful years as Director of Music at St Peter's Parish Church, Farnborough and three equally rewarding years as Organist at St Thomas-on-The

Bourne, Farnham. A qualified teacher he has musically directed (and written) many school shows and has performed in the USA, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Austria and in many parts of England and Wales.

In 2012 Brian notably played the organ for Mass in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and took part in a Papal Mass at Frascati Cathedral, outside Rome. Brian also holds a professional Braille music qualification and has transcribed for and taught music to the visually impaired.

A keen composer, Brian has written and arranged works for the *Maidenhead Chamber Choir*, the *Albion Brass Consort* in London, *Canzonetta*, the *Farnham Youth Choir* and the choirs of *St Peter's*, Farnborough, *St Thomas-on-The Bourne*, Farnham, *Farnham Heath End School*, *Lanesborough School* in Guildford and *St Edmund's School* in Hindhead. He also spent three years as the resident organist of *Vox Chamber Choir* and another three years as the Musical Director of the *Guildford Cathedral Singers*.

Brian spent over seven years as Director of Music at Lanesborough School (the choir school of Guildford Cathedral) and was also the Musical Director of the *Surrey Songsters* and a regular visiting organist at Guildford Cathedral. During this time he was also a leader of *Sing Up* for the Guildford area and was the South East Representative for *NAME* (National Association of Music Educators).

From 2013 – 2017 Brian was Director of Music at St Edmund's School in Hindhead where he oversaw the running of seven choirs every week. In July 2014 he took his Chapel and Chamber Choirs on tour to Venice where they performed in St Mark's Basilica. In 2016 they toured in Tuscany where they performed in Florence and in Lucca Cathedral. Brian is also the official accompanist of *Song Circle*, a chamber choir formed from members of *BBC Symphony Chorus*.

Brian and his wife, Irish operatic soprano Nicola Sharkey, were married in August 2000. Together they perform regular and highly popular recitals and in 2001 released their first CD "*Music for a While*". A second CD, "*Music When Soft Voices Die*" was released to much acclaim in 2006.

[Forthcoming Events \(Lunchtime Organ Concerts by local organists\)](#)

1 October 2019 at 8.00 pm - James Tett (Violinist & Organist)

5 November 2019 at 8.00 pm - Tansy Castledine (Peterborough Cathedral)

St Lawrence Church, Alton – THE ORGAN

Henry Speechly originally built the organ in 1866. This instrument was a fine example of that period and was probably unique in one respect in that every manual stop including the swell Voix Celeste had a complete set of 56 pipes. The original Speechly organ was completely rebuilt in 1966 by Wood, Wordsworth & Co Ltd, of Leeds. Francis Jackson gave a recital to celebrate this restoration and shortly afterwards the Society was founded by Cyril Diplock (organist St Lawrence 1961-2006). £45,000 was spent on the organ in a restoration by Martin Cross in 1993. No tonal changes were made and the majority of the pipework remains the 1866 Henry Speechly. The organ has 57 speaking stops, 12 couplers, 2 tremulants and a total of 2,722 pipes. The console has 71 stop-knobs and 38 thumb pistons. Harrison & Harrison tune and maintain the organ. The organ is due a major restoration and fund raising has started with the aim of work commencing late 2020.

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Founder - Cyril Diplock (1933-2016)

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH ALTON



LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

BRIAN COTTERILL

**THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT 1.10 PM**

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RETIRING COLLECTION TO COVER
EXPENSES AND TO DONATE
TOWARDS THE ORGAN RESTORATION
FUND**

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