

Festival March - **Stanley Winn (c.1910)**
arr. Aubrey Tucker

Toccata for Flutes - **Pietro Yon (1886-1943)**

Handel's Serviette - **Geoff Willis (b.1953)**
(Featuring Geoff Willis & Tony Willman on trumpets)

Little Bird, Serenata and The Music Box
Grieg (1843-1907), Moszkowski (1854-1925) & Lyadov
(1855-1914)

A Miniature Suite - **Rob Goldfinch (b.1972)**

Cosy Crime Capers - **Howard (1944-2016),**
Blaikley (1940-2022), Wiseman ((b.1963) & Hess
(b.1953) arr. Geoff Willis (b.1953)

You've got a friend in me - **Randy Newman**
(b.1943) arr. Geoff Willis
(Featuring Geoff Willis & Tony Willman on trumpet)

Toccata in B minor - **Eugene Gigout**
(1844-1925)

Born in 1972, **Robert Goldfinch** started playing the Hammond electronic organ at the age of 13, soon progressing from there onto the piano and the more classical repertoire associated with the church organ. He studied organ with Nicolas Kynaston and also studied music at Surrey University. After working in music retail he then worked for Kingston Borough as a teacher of the piano and keyboard for 10 years. He was organist of St Mark's and St Andrew's in Surbiton during this time. Having given many organ recitals in England and Europe he then decided stop playing professionally and focus his interests in other areas. He now spends time between composing, teaching and playing music of many genres.

Geoff started on the piano when he was 5, working through 'the grades' while at school. His Dad played the organ at a church in Farnborough and Geoff was allowed to have a go after services even though, to start with, his legs didn't reach the pedals. Some fifteen years ago he designed and built a four manual digital organ which lives in the lounge with the gracious encouragement of his wife. Just before Covid, Geoff designed and built a two manual portable organ which he, Rob and their friend Martin, take into schools to demonstrate and encourage students to play. The students get very excited about the variety of sounds, particularly when they are very loud! Geoff is the chairman of the North Hampshire Organists' Association and enjoys playing the big instruments in locations near and far.

About two years ago, Geoff's grandson, ten at the time, discovered the trumpet and started lessons. With the aim of encouraging him, Geoff decided to try the instrument as well and now has regular lessons himself.

Forthcoming Events

Dr David Hill MBE (International Choral Director & Concert Organist)
Tuesday 6 Oct 26 at 8.00 pm

David Halls (Salisbury Cathedral) - Tuesday 3 Nov 26 at 8.00 pm

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 2027/early 2028.

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ST LAWRENCE CHURCH ALTON

LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

GEOFF WILLIS & ROB GOLDFINCH

(+ TONY WILLMAN (TRUMPET))
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
AT 1.10 PM
PLEASE BE SEATED BY 1.00 PM

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

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 12.30 PM

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