



St Mary Redcliffe

Norman Harper

(London)

Thursday 30 June 2022

1.00-1.50 pm

Norman Harper was born in south Essex and was organ scholar at Gonville and Caius College Cambridge. He studied organ with Peter le Huray and Gillian Weir, and composition with Peter Tranchell. Later he studied organ with Noel Rawsthorne and David Sanger.

Following a career as recitalist, accompanist, teacher and choral director, Norman was appointed to the music staff of St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark, where he served as organist and director of music. During this time he accompanied and directed broadcasts of choral services on BBC radio and television, and released two CDs with the cathedral choirs: Music for the Mass (Priory) and Christmas at St George's (Regent). Both recordings include contemporary works, some of which were composed especially for St George's Cathedral choristers and lay clerks, and which were previously unrecorded and unpublished.

Norman has performed in cathedrals, churches, collegiate chapels and many other major venues in the UK, America, Europe and Australia, and has broadcast solo organ recitals on BBC Radio 3. His CD recordings include works by J.S.Bach, W.A.Mozart, Johannes Brahms, Nicolaus Bruhns, Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers, François D'Agincour, André Raison, Flor Peeters, William Russell, Timothy Craig Harrison and Thomas Hyde. A new CD of British organ music, *Church bells beyond the stars*, is due to be released on the Signum Classics label, including some of today's programme.

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Prelude and Fugue in D minor BWV 539 ~ J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Church bells beyond the stars ~ Cecilia McDowall b1951

Fantasia ~ attributed to William Smith 1603-1645 (ed. Andrew Fowler)

Three Nativity Dances ~ Alan Ridout 1934-1996

Prelude ~ Gerald Finzi 1901-1956 (arr. Alan Ridout)

Sonata for Organ (1958) ~ Peter Tranchell 1922-1993

Preludio ~ Andante ostinato ~ Tu es Petrus in fuga

*Applause is encouraged at the end of the concert please,
rather than between each item.*

*We ask that no recordings are made of the concert,
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