



St Mary Redcliffe

George Castle

Winchester

Thursday 6 July 2023

1.00-1.50 pm

George Castle's musical education took him through singing as a chorister at Durham Cathedral, where he also started to learn the organ, school in Bedford and a year as Organ Scholar at Worcester Cathedral. Following this, he studied for a degree in music at Oxford University, where he also held organ scholarships concurrently at Trinity and Worcester Colleges and was accompanist for the Oxford University Press Choir. Having graduated in 2008, George returned to Worcester Cathedral for four years, where he accompanied and helped train the various choirs and, from 2011, directed the Voluntary Choir. He was then Assistant Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral until 2021. Through his work in cathedral music, George has been organist for the Southern Cathedrals Festival in Winchester and was one of the organists for a number of Three Choirs Festivals between 2005 and 2012.

George is now a freelance keyboard player, teacher, and conductor, working around the south of England, based near Winchester. He is a Visiting Music Teacher at Winchester College and The Pilgrims' School, Winchester, teaching piano and organ. He regularly works alongside many of the UK's leading orchestras, including over the last year the BSO, Florilegium, London Mozart Players, ECO and BBC National Orchestra of Wales. He is also accompanist for The Waynflete Singers, based in Winchester, the director of RSCM Voices West and is a regular accompanist for the Vasari Singers. He has featured as an organist on various recordings and broadcasts, as well as a fleeting appearance playing for Lord Mountbatten's funeral and the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer on Netflix's *The Crown*, and had brief spell in the top 10 of the Italian pop charts.

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Thursday 6 July at 1pm

Alleluyas – Simon Preston

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669 – J S Bach

Pièce Héroïque – César Franck

Pazienza – Percy Whitlock

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her, BWV 663 – J S Bach

Pastorale & Allegro Vivace *from* Symphony No. 1 – Louis Vierne

The Liberty Bell March – de Sousa

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1.00-1.50pm

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6 July – George Castle (Winchester)

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