



THE VOICE OF AYRSHIRE

In 1902, the Organ Sub-Committee of Ayr's Town Council were unanimous in their resolve to once again engage Lewis & Co. of Brixton to provide a worthy replacement to the celebrated instrument they had completed in 1881, only to perish in the devastating Town Hall fire of 1897.

Complete by the Autumn of 1904, the Lewis firm created an instrument of considerable musical resources from a modest twenty-seven speaking stops, and as an unaltered example of Edwardian organ building these qualities continue to be appreciated by players and listeners alike. The organ's significance was further recognised in 2013 with the awarding of a Grade I Historic Organ Certificate by the British Institute of Organ Studies.

After almost one hundred and twenty years at the heart of music making in Ayrshire, the time is now approaching when this outstanding instrument will require thorough and painstaking restoration, however emergency repairs to mechanisms and pipework have been undertaken in early 2024, thanks to financial assistance from Ayr Arts Guild, Ayr Common Good Fund, and a Private Donor. In this, the fourteenth series of *The Organist Entertains*, we take the opportunity of introducing audiences to instruments from our diverse local pipe organ heritage, through a kaleidoscopic breadth of repertoire, and once again featuring performers from the United Kingdom and beyond.

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THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS

2024

FOURTEENTH
SERIES

Mondays at 12 noon
featuring the Lewis Organ in
AYR TOWN HALL

ADMISSION
£5.00

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APRIL & MAY

**Mondays at 12 noon
in three venues:**

- St Nicholas Parish Church, Prestwick, KA9 1LH
- Holy Trinity Church, Ayr, KA7 1UB
- St Columba Parish Church, Ayr, KA7 2SE

APRIL

8 Apr Dr John Kitchen MBE, Edinburgh City Organist	St Nicholas PC, Prestwick
15 Apr Alan Kitchen, Wellington Church, Glasgow	St Nicholas PC, Prestwick
22 Apr John R. Turner, Glasgow	St Nicholas PC, Prestwick
29 Apr David Hamilton, University of Strathclyde Organist	St Nicholas PC, Prestwick

MAY

6 May Andrew Thom, Holy Trinity, Ayr	Holy Trinity Church, Ayr
13 May Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Organ Students	St Columba PC, Ayr
20 May Iain McGlinchey, Helensburgh	St Columba PC, Ayr
27 May Tiffany Vong, Jordanhill Parish Church	St Columba PC, Ayr

JUNE to NOVEMBER
Mondays at 12 noon featuring the Lewis Organ in Ayr Town Hall, KA7 1JX

JUNE

3 Jun Bill Hutcheson, Paisley
10 Jun Henry Wallace, Northumberland
Sun 16 June Alessandro Bianchi, St. Columba's Church, 7pm <i>(Retiring collection)</i>
17 Jun Alessandro Bianchi, St. Edward's Anglican Church, Lugano, Switzerland
24 Jun Morley Whitehead, Morningside Parish Church

JULY

1 Jul Alan Tavener BEM, St. Bride's Episcopal Church, Kelvinside
8 Jul Andrew Caskie, Great Malvern Priory Assistant Organist
15 Jul Hans U. Hielscher, Wiesbaden Marktkirche Lutheran Cathedral
22 Jul Philip Crozier, St. George's Anglican Church, Montreal
29 Jul Dr Gordon Stewart BEM, Emeritus Organist, Huddersfield Town Hall

AUGUST

5 Aug Simon Leach, Marchmont House, Berwickshire
12 Aug Dr Raymond McCluskey, St. Joseph's RC Church, Kilmarnock
19 Aug Ian Hare, St. Oswald's Church, Grasmere
26 Aug Simon Walker, Glenalmond College

SEPTEMBER

2 Sep Kevin Bowyer, University of Glasgow Organist
9 Sep Nicolette Fraser, Sacred Heart RC Church, Edinburgh
16 Sep Robin Bell, St. Leonard's School, St Andrews
23 Sep Matt Edwards, Bothwell Parish Church
30 Sep Paul McNeill, Christ the King RC Church, Glasgow

OCTOBER

7 Oct Andrew Macintosh, All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Andrews	
14 Oct Gordon Cree, Darvel	
21 Oct Richard Powell, Hamilton	St Columba PC, Ayr
28 Oct Kevin Duggan, Dunblane Cathedral	

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER SILENT FILM CLASSIC

Aaron Hawthorne presents the Silent Film: **Nosferatu** in association with Ayr Film Society.
Doors open 6.45pm, Film 7.15pm, admission £8.00.
 Two-course pre-movie special at The Sugar Cube £17.00.
 To book phone 01292 618824 or 07960 882874, E: thesugarcube@btinternet.com

NOVEMBER

4 Nov Dr Malcolm Sim, Glasgow Cathedral
11 Nov Calum Robertson, Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh
18 Nov Ciaran Walker, Inveresk Parish Church, Musselburgh
25 Nov Matthew Hynes, Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist

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