

# Tuesdays@1

## 27th September – Huw Williams (Bath Abbey)

### Programme

P. Eben (1929-2007)	Moto ostinato from Sunday Music
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)	Fugue in G minor BWV 578
C. Franck (1822-1890)	Choral No 2 in B minor
M. Praetorius (1571-1621)	Ballets des Coqz
P. Whitlock (1903-1946)	Ye holy angels bright
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L. Vierne (1870-1937)	Carillon de Westminster Op 54, No 6

Born in Swansea, **Huw Williams** is Director of Music at Bath Abbey, where he directs its renowned choirs of Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks. A conductor and award-winning organist of international standing, he served until recently as Director of Music at Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James' Palace, where his predecessors included Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Henry Purcell. Whilst at the Chapel Royal he conducted the music for Prince George's Christening, the Queen's Christmas message in 2015, the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph, and numerous other events in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and former Organ Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, his musical achievements led to him being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Alongside his conducting work, Huw enjoys an international career as an organ recitalist and accompanist. He was principal organist at St Paul's Cathedral for ten years, where he played for numerous high-profile and state occasions. and many of his compositions have been performed at St Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and further afield. Huw has made over 20 recordings as accompanist with The Sixteen and with St Paul's and Hereford Cathedral Choirs. He is an editor of the Revised English Hymnal, to be published in 2022.

Future **Tuesdays@1** organ recital series – (May – October)  
4 October – Judith Pendrous, 11 October – Michael Stoddart,  
18 October – Peter Dyke, 25 October – Simon Bell

## Evening Concerts

### Organ Concert: A Tale of Two Cities - Stephen Farr - Friday 7th October at 6.30pm

This evening's programme, a Tale of Two Cities, explores some of the extraordinary heritage of organ music to emerge from London and Paris. It features works by Judith Bingham 'Vanished London Churches' and French music by Couperin, Böely and Langlais's dramatic Trois Paraphrases Gregoriennes. Stephen Farr has an impressive reputation as one of the leading organ recitalists of his generation, with an extensive discography to his credit; recent and pending releases have included J S Bach's Clavierübung 3, Orgelbüchlein, and Chorale Partitas (part of a projected recording of the complete organ works), the complete organ works of James Macmillan, a new commission by Francis Grier, music from the 17<sup>th</sup> century English repertoire, works by Judith Bingham, and the complete organ works of Kenneth Leighton (described as a 'towering triumph' by The Guardian). **Tickets** £7.50 (unreserved) from Bath Box Office [www.bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.bathboxoffice.org.uk) Tel: 01225 463362.

### Cathedral Music Trust Day Concert - Saturday 8th October at 12 noon

The Abbey Girls perform a wide range of items including music by Cecilia McDowall, Judith Bingham and Mendelssohn. Messiaen's evocative 'O sacrum convivium' features as well as arrangements of folk melodies 'How can I keep from singing' and 'Amazing grace'. Admission free.

### Wednesday 19th October at 5.30pm

The combined Abbey Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks choirs sing Evensong to celebrate the launch of 'Caritas – Music of love, hope, charity and consolation' the new Abbey choirs' CD. All are welcome at Evensong followed by a short reception (6.15pm-7.00pm) where the CD will be launched.

### Remembrance Day Concert - Friday 11th November at 7pm

This year we remember and celebrate *Ralph Vaughan Williams'* enormous contribution to church music in the 150th anniversary of his death. The programme will open with his moving setting of words by George Herbert in the Five Mystical Songs (solo baritone Mike Entwisle). *Herbert Howells* was inspired by *Vaughan Williams'*s music and *Howells'* emotional and powerful unaccompanied Requiem, written tragically after his son, Michael, died aged 9, will be sung alongside his intense and beautiful anthem 'Take him earth for cherishing' (written on the death of President Kennedy in 1963). As the tragedy of war continues in Ukraine, *John Rutter's* evocative setting of A Prayer for Ukraine and two other contemporary works Lux aeterna by Abbey Lay Clerk *James Millichap* and Lord, you have been my dwelling place by the Director of Music *Huw Williams* renew our prayers for peace and reconciliation. Featuring the Abbey Boys, Girls, Lay Clerks and the Chamber Choir.

**Tickets** £22, £18 and £10 (16s and under half price) from Bath Box Office [www.bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.bathboxoffice.org.uk)

## Organ Rebuild

We are very proud of our world famous Klais organ which was built by Philipp Klais in 1997 under the guidance of Peter King, former Director of Music at Bath Abbey, and organ consultant Nicolas Kynaston. Organs need a bit of 'TLC' – and in January 2023 there will be a major overhaul of the organ. Philipp Klais and his team from Bonn will mastermind a comprehensive rebuild, cleaning and restoring the pipework. The electronics and the action will be overhauled and replaced and there will be a few small tonal alternations. This exciting project will cost £250,000. ***If you'd like to donate to support the work of this project***, you can either send a cheque made payable to Bath Abbey, to Bath Abbey Offices, 9 Kingston Buildings, Bath BA1 1LT or pay by BACS using the following details:

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