Tickets
All-inclusive ticket:
IAO Organ Day, Organ Recital, Lunch & Supper
IAO Members £45   (Non-members £47)

Individual tickets:
Organ Day: IAO Members £18   (Non-members £20)   U18 or FT Student £10
Organ Recital: £16
U18 or FT Student £8

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Simon Johnson has been the Organist & Assistant Director of Music of St. Paul’s Cathedral for 12 years. During this time he has played for Her Majesty the Queen, the Dalai Lama, numerous Prime Ministers, Archbishops, and at all state occasions that have taken place during his tenure. He is a former Director of Music of All Saints’ Church Northampton and took his Grade VIII ABRSM on the St. Matthew’s Walker organ!

Richard Pinel is a Fellow & Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge, and Director of the Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy. He began his musical life as a chorister at All Saints’ Church, Northampton. Richard was awarded the prestigious organ scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford (2002). Before his current post, he was Assistant Director of Music of St. George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Andrew Reid is Managing Director of Harrison & Harrison, organ builders. He spent a year as Organ Scholar at St. Matthew’s; later becoming Sub Organist at Westminster Abbey (2000), and played the organ for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. He was Director of Music at Peterborough Cathedral (2004-2012) and was then appointed Director of the Royal School of Church Music. He joined Harrison & Harrison in October 2017.

Callum Alger is currently the Organ Scholar at Westminster Cathedral. He is a former organ scholar of St. Matthew’s Church Northampton. Callum recently graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with first-class honours in Music Performance. He is also the recent winner of both the inaugural IAO/RCO Organ Competition in Peterborough, and inaugural Dame Gillian Weir Messiaen Competition in Birmingham.

Saturday 26 September 2020
St. Matthew’s Church
Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4RY

Two Events: One Day
1 IAO Midlands Organ Day
   Liturgical Playing

2 Organ Recital
   Celebrating 125 Years of the St. Matthew’s Organ
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