

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BEDFORD

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Saturday 11th November 2023 12:00pm

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John Wearmouth

PROGRAMME

Praeludium, Largo und Fuga in C (BWV 545) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (BWV 731) - J.S. Bach

Sonata II - Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Lebhaft – Ruhig bewegt – Fuge: Mässig bewegt, heiter

Adagio in E - Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Psalm-Prelude (Set 2) no.3 - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

"Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise" (Psalm 33v.3)

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John Wearmouth: Biographical Note

John Wearmouth began playing the organ at the age of 13. He won an organ scholarship at Hertford College, Oxford, where he studied with Dr David Lumsden and Nicholas Danby. He has held a number of teaching and organist posts, including a period at Peterhouse, an Anglican boarding school in Zimbabwe, before settling in Leighton Buzzard as Head of Music at The Cedars Upper School, and Organist and Director of Music at All Saints' Parish Church, Leighton Buzzard from 2003 until 2013, having previously been Assistant Organist there from 2000.

John's musical interests are not confined to organ and church music. At The Cedars he directed the music for a wide variety of shows, from "Oklahoma" and "Carousel" to "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Les Misérables" and "We Will Rock You", as well as founding the celebrated Cedars Jazz Band.

Apart from accompanying or singing with a number of local choral groups, he also manages to find time to play the accordion with the Ouzel Valley Ranters (a barn dance/ceilidh band) and the trombone in the Open University Orchestra.

Recitals are free with a retiring collection

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