

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BEDFORD
Lunchtime Organ Recital
Saturday 19th October 2024 12:00pm
Thomas Hawkes, Cirencester Parish Church
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PROGRAMME

Pièce D'Orgue BWV 572	J. S. BACH (1685-1750)
Passacaglia	DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)
Melodia	MAX REGER (1873-1916)
Tuba Tune	NORMAN COCKER (1889-1953)
Cantabile	CÉSAR FRANCK (1822-1890)
Toccata from Symphony No.5	CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR (1844-1937)

Thomas Hawkes, Organist

Thomas was born in Paderborn, Germany, where he had his first organ lessons with Ulrich Schneider and Andreas Konrad as well as his first organist role at St Christopher's Garrison Church. He then spent two years learning the organ with Jonathan Lilley at Ely Cathedral before going to the University of York where he completed his Music BA and Postgraduate Diploma in 2017.

Following this, Thomas held posts at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, King Edward's School, Witley, and St David's Cathedral (where he was the acting Assistant Director of Music). He subsequently spent a year studying Church Music at the Hochschule für Musik in Freiburg im Breisgau, where he studied organ with Matthias Maierhofer and David Franke, as well as choral conducting with Frank Markowitsch.

From September 2023, Thomas was Chapel Organist at Stowe School in Buckinghamshire. In July 2024 he was appointed Organist and Choir Master at Cirencester Parish Church.

Thomas has performed on television and radio for BBC Wales and is featured on the St David's Cathedral choir 2022 Christmas CD. Thomas frequently works as a choral conductor and accompanist, and has worked with ensembles including Leeds Festival Chorus, Stowmarket Chorale and the University of York Choir. Thomas is also a regular accompanist for the Freiburger Münster choirs.

Outside of music, he enjoys reading about history and watching Doctor Who.

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