

Arts@StLaurence Concerts, 2026

Tom Coxhead (Organ)

Saturday 1st August 2026 at 1pm

Free entry, donations welcome.

Programme

- C.H.H. Parry** (1848-1918) *March (from "The Birds of Aristophanes")*
- Johann Pachelbel** (1653-1706) *Partita: "Freu' dich sehr, O meine Seele"*
- Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685-1750) *"Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns den Gotteszorn wandt" (BWV 688)*
- Alexandre Guilmant** (1837-1911) *Sonata No.1 in D minor (Op.42)*
- I. *Introduction (Largo e maestoso) et Allegro*
 - II. *Pastorale: Andante quasi allegretto*
 - III. *Final: Allegro assai*

Tom Coxhead is the Director of Music at Newport Cathedral where he directs the Cathedral Choir in the weekly round of choral services, as well as occasional broadcasts and concerts.

Tom's musical training began as a chorister at Chester Cathedral and learnt the organ with Roger Fisher. He studied music at Durham, directing Hatfield College Chapel Choir, as well as performing alongside with the university's orchestras. After graduating from Durham, Tom held positions at Ripon and Brecon cathedrals, Harrogate Ladies' College and Ampleforth College. In 2019, he completed a research MA on Kenneth Leighton's choral music (also at Durham) and became a prize-winning Associate of the Royal College of Organists. Tom moved to London to study choral conducting under Professor Patrick Russill at the Royal Academy of Music, graduating with distinction. During his studies he held a busy freelance portfolio of conducting, playing, and teaching until his appointment to Newport Cathedral in 2024. At Newport, Tom has led the music for the Installation of the Most Reverend Cherry Vann as Archbishop of Wales (the first female primate in the Anglican Communion), as well as founding a new Youth Choir, and developing the new St Woolos Music Festival which is to take place next Spring.

Outside of his regular duties, Tom has written on a range of topics for the Royal School of Church Music, History Society, been invited to speak at the Church Music Society's conference, and is a trustee of the Finzi Friends. Occasional composing has seen works performed on both sides of the Atlantic (including some jointly written works with his sister Elizbaeth). He enjoys working as a guest choral director and leading choir workshops. Recent organ recital venues have included Westminster, Chester, and Hereford cathedrals.



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