



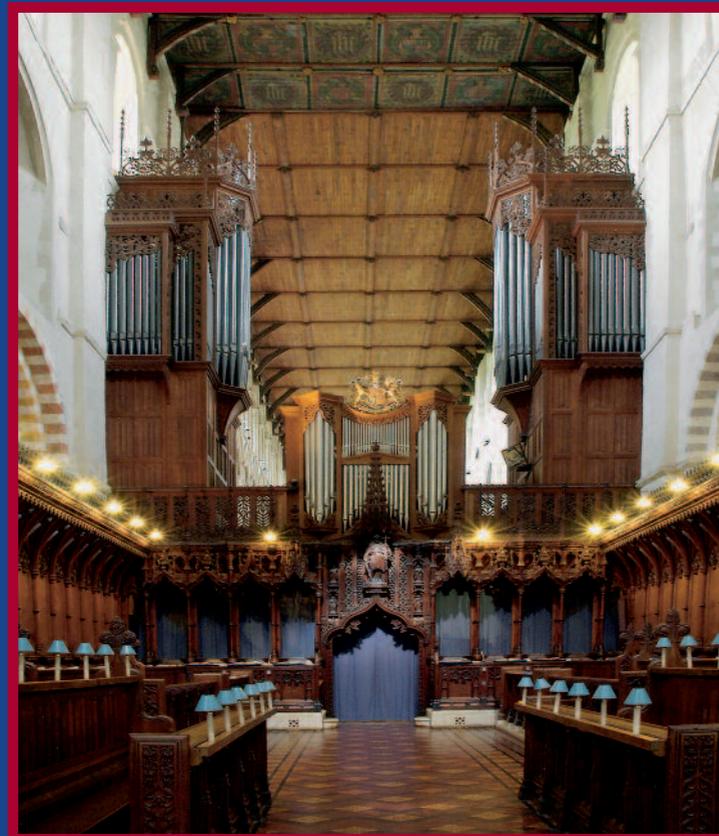
Organ Restoration Fund

Our Harrison & Harrison organ stands at the heart of one of England's greatest cathedrals where it sustains and enhances our worship, is responsive to an artist's individuality and plays a pivotal role in the St Albans International Organ Festival with its world-wide reputation for prestigious organ competitions.

This remarkable instrument has now been fully restored at a cost of £830,000. I do hope, having heard the sound of our newly-restored organ, you will make a donation to the Organ Restoration Fund and join us in helping to support the Cathedral as a centre of musical excellence.

Andrew Lucas *Master of the Music*

St Albans Cathedral Organ Appeal



Please complete and return the form below

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)

Address

Postcode

Daytime telephone no (in case of query)

Please send completed form and cheque to:

St Albans Cathedral Music Trust, The Deanery, Sumpter Yard, St Albans, Herts AL1 1BY

Tel: 01727 890228

Fax: 01727 890227

Email: music-trust@stalbanscathedral.org.uk

Gift Aid Declaration (for completion if appropriate)

I wish this gift to St Albans Cathedral Music Trust to be treated as a Gift Aid donation.

I note that I must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of tax reclaimable on my donation to you each tax year

Signed

Date

The Organ Restoration Fund is administered by St Albans Cathedral Music Trust (Registered Charity no. 1051072)

**Pull out all the stops and
Sponsor a Pipe in the
Harrison & Harrison Organ
at St Albans Cathedral**



St Albans Cathedral Music Trust – Harrison & Harrison Organ Restoration Fund

SPONSOR A PIPE

The Harrison & Harrison Organ

Built in 1962 to a design by Peter Hurford the then Master of the Music at the Cathedral, and Ralph Downes the designer of the organ in the Royal Festival Hall, ours was the first twentieth century organ in an English cathedral to be built on classical principles.

Since then it has been heard in rehearsal and at services and concerts on almost every day of the year. The organ is at the heart of every aspect of the Cathedral's musical life and, as the "king of instruments", plays a pivotal role in the St Albans International Organ Festival – which enjoys a world-wide reputation.

Now, after a major programme of restoration was completed in June 2009, the instrument is again filling the cathedral with its wonderful sound after the extensive repair and enhancement work done by the original builders, Harrison & Harrison of Durham. Our objective was to restore our organ to its original condition while enhancing its versatility in support of the Cathedral as a place of worship and a centre of musical excellence – this, as you can hear, has been achieved.

The restoration of the organ included tonal enhancements, adjustments to the console, finishing of the cases and new façade pipes, new soundboards, and full re-leathering of the wind system plus a new Nave division.



The total cost of the work was £830,000. Through donations to the organ restoration fund and other gifts, St Albans Cathedral Music Trust has been able to allocate £465,000 enabling the contract to be signed and work completed. However the need to close the gap on the total cost is urgent. You can help by sponsoring a pipe.



Pictures

Top right: work on racking the Quint pipes.

Above: the Head Voicer checks one of the smaller pipes.

Right: the Cornetto di Bassetto pipes all racked up.

Pictures taken at Harrison & Harrison's Durham factory.

Sponsor a Pipe

Now restored, our organ contains over 4,500 pipes. They vary in length from half an inch to a massive 32 feet. The smallest are just as important as the largest. Each plays its own part in producing the glorious mixture of sounds which the organ offers.

Sponsor a pipe operates in the same way. Individual donations combine to cover the cost of the restoration. Single pipe sponsorship ranges from £25 for a small pipe to £300 for the largest pipes. There is also scope to sponsor an entire 'stop' each containing 58 pipes.

You can sponsor a pipe in memory of a departed friend or relative, in thanksgiving for a special event, as an unusual gift, or simply for yourself. Families, schools and groups can help too by sponsoring a pipe jointly. Donors will:

- receive a certificate of sponsorship
- have the name of their choice recorded next to your pipe in our book of donors
- for donations of £100 or more, be enrolled as a patron of the Music Trust and receive the monthly music list, regular newsletters, an invitation to the annual Advent Carol Service followed by supper, and advance notice of Cathedral sponsored concerts
- and for donations of £5,000 or more, have their name included on a plaque to be sited near the organ

To sponsor a pipe, please complete and return the form below

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL MUSIC TRUST

The Harrison & Harrison Organ Restoration Fund

I wish to make a donation and sponsor a pipe in the name of:

Please print clearly the name of the person in whose name the sponsorship should be recorded or tick here if you do NOT wish the gift to be publicly recorded.

I enclose a cheque/CAF voucher for £

(Please make cheque payable to St Albans Cathedral Music Trust)

- £25** (1ft - 2ft pipe) – Pipes between 1ft and 2ft play some of the organ's highest pitches, and look like large tin whistles or panpipes
- £50** (2ft - 4ft pipe) – Pipes between 2ft and 4ft produce high, bright, clear sounds, some of them sounding like large flutes or recorders
- £100** (4ft - 8ft pipe) – Pipes between 4ft and 8ft produce a whole range of tone colours
- £200** (8ft - 16ft pipe) – Pipes between 8ft and 16ft are the solid foundation of the organ's sound, giving it impressive weight and depth
- £300** or more (16ft pipe or more) – Pipes of 16ft and longer are the biggest pipes in the instrument, several times the height of an adult. They produce the bottom notes of the organ – the deep, sonorous bedrock of the organ's powerful tone

Please continue and fill in further details on the reverse side