

SOA Membership Application Form

Name(s):

Address (including postcode):

Phone/mobile:

Email:

Current place of education (if you are a student):

Would you like any donations you make to SOA to be gift-aided?

YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual £25	Joint (at same address) £30
Concessionary £20	Student £5

Please play by bank transfer or standing order (details below) and post this form to the SOA Membership Secretary, Robert Waller, at 2 Warren Lane, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3SH. Alternatively, scan or photograph the form and email it to membership@suffolkorganists.org.uk.

Bank: Santander (ref: your name)
Account name: Suffolk Organists Assoc
Sort code: 09-01-54
Account number: 15690005

Once your application has been processed we will send you a Gift Aid Declaration (if applicable) and a GDPR Consent Form, to be completed and returned at your earliest convenience.



The organ console at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

SUFFOLK ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

President 2025-2026: Stephen Hogger

Suffolk Organists' Association (SOA) was founded in 1934 and exists to promote the use and enjoyment of the pipe organ, especially the many fine examples of the instrument to be found across the county. SOA has a proud record of supporting young (and not-so-young!) organists both financially and through events such as study days and masterclasses, and several of its student members have gone on to become highly respected professional musicians.

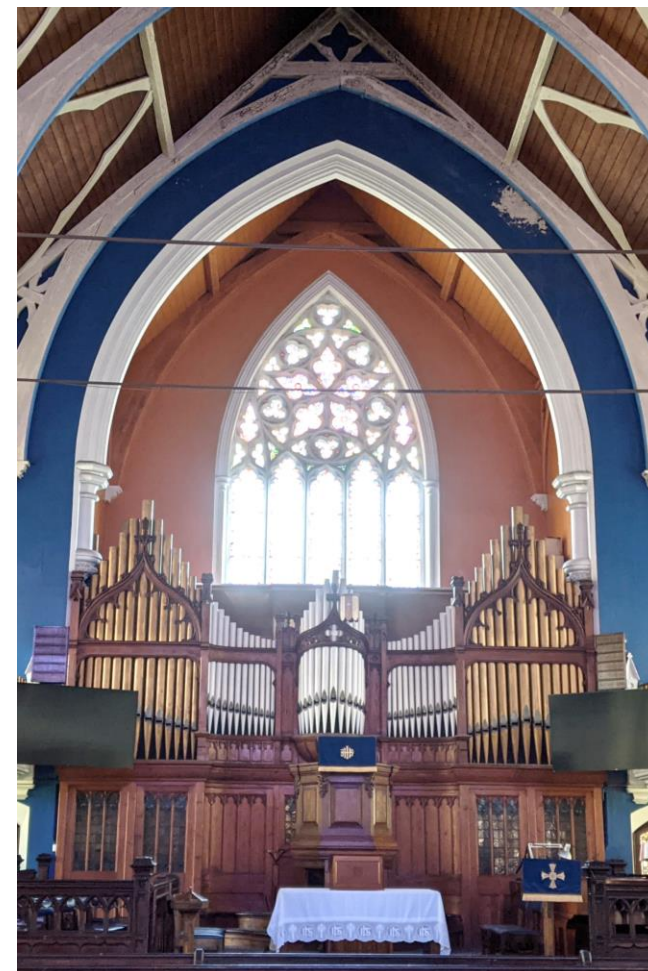
Membership of the Association is open to all, with benefits that include free or subsidised admission to a number of specially organised events and activities which take place throughout the year. To join, please complete the form overleaf or visit the SOA website, www.suffolkorganists.org.uk, and click on 'Join Us'.

*The information given in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press and is subject to alteration without notice. Full details of all SOA events will be sent out to members. **Cover photo:** The organ of Christ Church, Tacket Street, Ipswich*



Programme of Events

June 2025 – May 2026



www.suffolkorganists.org.uk

2025

Saturday 14 June, 2 – 4.30pm

An Afternoon on the Dark Side

A chance to hear and play the 3-manual Christie organ in Castle Hill URC, Dryden Road, Ipswich IP1 6QF. Bring along your favourite Sousa Marches!

Saturday 5 July, 10.30am – 4pm

So You Think You Need a Big Organ?

A visit to three small instruments in North East Essex – at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye (2-manual Bevington), St Michael & All Angels, Copford (2-manual Walker) and St Mary the Virgin, Easthorpe (1-manual Green).

Saturday 20 September, 7pm

Celebrity Concert: Scott Brothers Duo

Christ Church, Tacket Street, Ipswich IP4 1AU

An organ and piano concert given by two of the finest keyboard musicians the UK has to offer. Tickets £20 including refreshments.

Saturday 18 October, 2pm

Masterclass on Service Accompaniment with Christopher Moore

St John's URC, Cowper Street, Ipswich IP4 5JD

Highly experienced as an accompanist, Christopher is well known to most of you. This event will concentrate on service playing and is open to all.

Saturday 8 November, 6.30pm

President's Desert Island Discs & Fish and Chip Supper

Turret Hall, Christ Church, Tacket Street, Ipswich

The nation's favourite dish and a delve into the musical life and interests of our current President, Stephen Hogger.

2026

Thursday 12 February, 5.30pm

Evensong and a chance to play the organ of St Edmundsbury Cathedral

An annual event at the kind invitation of the Cathedral organists.

Saturday 7 March, 12 noon for 12.30pm

Association Lunch (venue TBC) & Visit to St Mary the Virgin, Clopton Church

SOA Treasurer Roger Pulham has recently rebuilt the Hill organ in Clopton Church and we will visit and play it after lunch.

Saturday 18 April, 10.30am

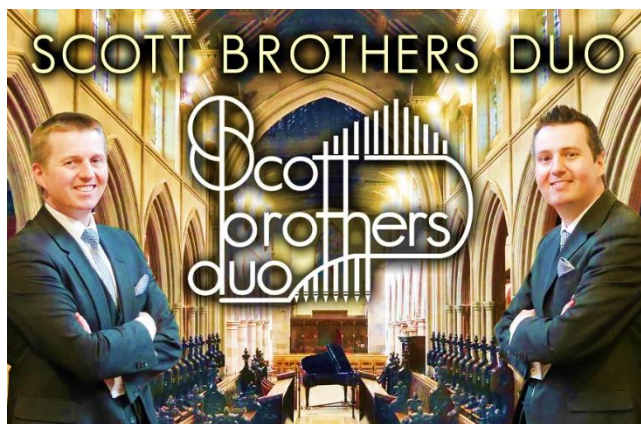
Three Bishop & Son Rebuilds in Essex

A visit to All Saints, Maldon, St Peter's, Goldhanger and St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy. A chance to explore three rebuilds by SOA's local organ builder.

Saturday 16 May, 3pm

AGM & Cream Tea with Music by the outgoing and incoming Presidents of SOA

Langston Hall, Christ Church, Tacket Street, Ipswich



Book early for our Celebrity Concert on 20 September!

Other organ-related events in Suffolk

May 2025 – March 2026

Lunchtime concerts at Ipswich Minster (Tuesdays at 1.10pm)

www.ipswichminster.org/music-and-choir

27 May Joshua Simões *

3 June James Davy

29 July Mark Blatchly

12 August Nicholas Freestone

16 September Claudia Grinnell *

30 September Colin Walsh

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Concerts by Ipswich Theatre Organ Club at Castle Hill URC, Ipswich (Sundays at 2.30pm)

18 May Kevin Grunhill

19 October Christian Cartwright

16 November Mark Laflin

15 March 2026 Robert Wolfe

Friday Lunchtime Recitals & Summer Organ Festival at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

www.stedscathedral.org/whats-on

Sun 25 May Organ Prom

Fri 13 June Henry Morris

Sun 22 June Andrew Lumsden

Fri 11 July Matthew McVey

Sun 7 September William Whitehead

Fri 12 September Anthony Gritten

Sun 21 September Victoria Ulriksen

Fri 26 September David Cook

Fri 3 October Simon Hogan

Tuesday 7 June at 11am

Catherine Ennis Memorial Recital at St Bartholomew's, Orford – Francesca Massey

www.brittenpearsarts.org/whats-on