

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ORGAN AT ST MARY'S



Please support us!

Over the next few months there is a need to fundraise for repairs for our organ. The estimated cost is upwards of £20,000. These repairs will be starting at the end of May and continuing to the middle of July.

The current organ at St Mary's was dedicated in 2002. There are three manuals (three keyboards, one above the other – named the Great, the Swell and the Choir) and the pedalboard, which makes it a rather wonderful instrument to have in a church our size. However, a large organ packed into a small space has made tuning and maintenance difficult.

In the photo below, the Great manual is in the middle (with the stops controlling the sounds it makes on the far right), the Swell manual is at the top (with its stops on the far left) and the Choir manual is at the bottom (with its stops to the left of the Great stops). The pedalboard is controlled by the stops to the right of the Swell stops. If you would like a demonstration of how it all works, do contact our Director of Music (details below, or after the 9.30am Sunday service!).



The organ has had twenty years “settling in”, and now it needs some attention. There are wind leak issues when the organ is running and some of the connections to the pedalboard are working loose. Amongst other items, the Swell corneopan (one of the stops, which makes sounds like a reed instrument) needs revoicing, the Choir pipework needs a thorough clean, the Great trumpet needs to be cleaned and repaired, and there are plans to improve access for our poor organ tuner!

An organ builder is booked to start working on these repairs at the end of May, hopefully to complete them by the middle of July. The organ will be playable throughout, albeit not in its entirety. Hopefully, following these repairs, no more major expenditure will be needed for the next twenty years or so. Look out for various fundraising initiatives and events that will be taking place over the next few months, and please give generously so we can enable the organ to be enjoyed by future generations.

We are aiming to raise £20,000 to cover these costs. This means we would need all of the following:

- 200 donations of £5 = £1000
- 200 donations of £10 = £2000
- 120 donations of £25 = £3000
- 100 donations of £50 = £5000
- 40 donations of £100 = £4000
- 10 donations of £250 = £2500
- 5 donations of £500 = £2500

TOTAL = £20,000

If you feel able to make a contribution, we would be extremely grateful!

- **Use our Just Giving page (this is our preferred option):**
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmarysorgan>.
- Alternatively, make a direct transfer into the church stewardship bank account (with reference “Organ fund”): “Shenfield Parochial Church Council Stewardship account”, sort code 20-12-21, account number 00805033.
- Give cash or a cheque donation to any member of the PCC, preferably in an organ labelled “Organ fund”.



Please give generously!

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Almighty God,

We seek your help. Our church organ, which over decades has beautifully accompanied our worship, needs preservation and restoration for the future. Help us raise the money needed for this.

Be with us as we hold our fundraising events. May our ideas and plans be creative and wise. Grant us the support needed to organise and run them, and mobilise people to attend and support our efforts with generous donations. May they be a joy and delight to all, including You.

We commit this enterprise to You, trusting in your power, grace and goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen