

Save Our Organ Donor Form

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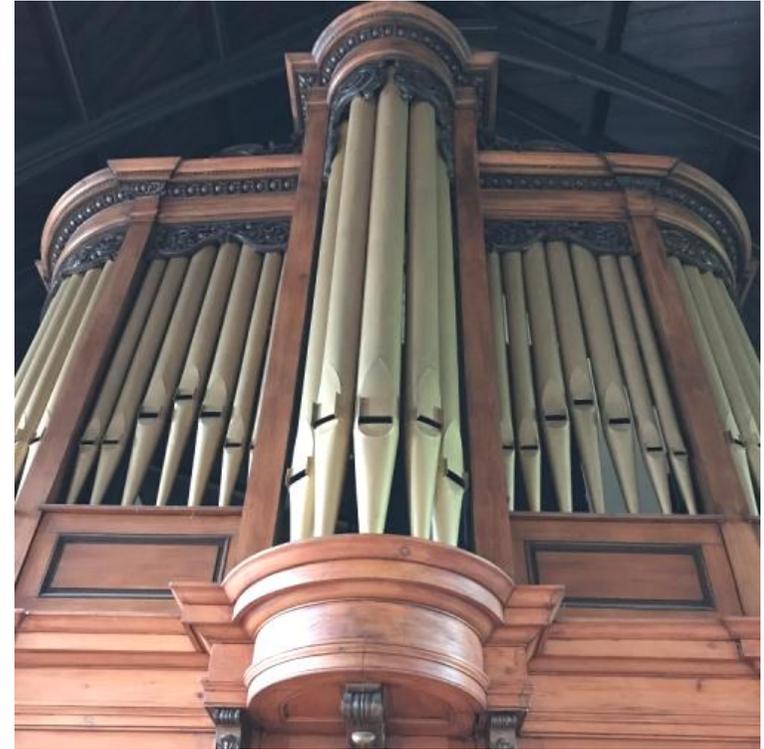
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Please send completed forms to :

Save Our Organ
St Silas' Church
Penton Street
London N1 9UL

The Church of St Silas with All Saints, Pentonville

Save Our Organ !



Our historic organ is in need of urgent restoration.

What's the problem ?

The last major repairs to our organ were undertaken before the First World War and vital parts of the mechanism have reached the end of their useful life. Week by week, different things go wrong and we have to use whatever is working. The experts say it "is in clamant (urgent) need of work... it will continue to deteriorate and irritate" and might even "fail without warning and remain unplayable."

A brief history

Our organ's oldest pipes date back either to 1750, the year that Bach died, or 1767, when Mozart was just 11 years old. In those days the organ was at St Thomas', Regent St. It was rebuilt in 1856 by Gray & Davison, one of the country's leading organ builders, incorporating those pipes. More work was done in 1870 and 1907, but that was that.

St Thomas' was later made redundant and the organ was moved to St Silas' in 1966/7 but there was no budget to do any restoration, so the organ is struggling on, basically unchanged since 1907.



You can read more about the history at www.saint-silas.org.uk.

Project planning

In 2020 the Church Council commissioned an independent report on the state of the organ and sought the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches. The Chancellor of the Diocese of London has commended our plans for the prioritised restoration of the organ and granted a Faculty for the work (the Church equivalent of obtaining planning permission).

What now ?

As a result of this restoration you will hear a brighter, louder and more colourfully-sounding organ.

We are approaching several trusts and foundations to fund the greater part of the £65,000 + VAT cost, but it will really help us to persuade those funders when they see a healthy list of individuals contributing to the cost of restoring the organ.

Can you help us raise the funds to Save Our Organ ?

There are various ways to donate:

1. Scan this QR code. It will take you to a donation page.



2. Click the 'Donate Now' button on any page of our website : www.saint-silas.org.uk
3. Donate by bank transfer :
Account : St Silas Church, Pentonville
Sort code : 08-92-99
Account number : 65371907
Please add 'Organ' as a reference

It would be helpful to let us know that you've donated in this way. Please e-mail saintsilas@btconnect.com.

If you can 'Gift Aid' your donation, please complete the Donor Form over the page.

4. Make a cheque payable to 'St Silas Church, Pentonville' and send it to us along with the Donor Form over the page.
5. Make a cash donation at the church.

Please complete the Donor Form over the page if applicable.