



Sir Malcolm Sargent Organ Appeal

Our fine organ stands at the heart of our Parish Church where it sustains and enhances our worship. The music it plays also moves our thoughts and emotions at these times and when heard played at recitals. So many distinguished musicians have asked to play this instrument. Between 1914 and 1924 Malcolm Sargent, as he was then, was Organist and Choirmaster here. He went on to have a glittering career and was renowned around the world as one of the finest conductors of choral works.

As we now have a once in a lifetime opportunity to carry out major work to the church, there can be no better time to make sure that the organ is repaired and modernised so that we can enjoy its music for many years to come.

We hope that you have enjoyed the sound of our organ and will make a donation to sponsor a pipe as part of the Heart of the Community appeal, joining us in helping to support our Parish Church as a centre of musical excellence. Thank you

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Heart of St Mary's Appeal

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At the Heart of the Community

Sir Malcolm Sargent Memorial Organ Appeal



Sponsor a pipe in the Organ at St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray



St Mary's Church Melton Mowbray Development CIO,
Charity Commission number 1168569

The Sir Malcolm Sargent Memorial Organ

Some of the organ we see today, on either side of the Chancel, was built in 1850 and completely rebuilt in 1896/7 by William Hill & Son (London). Since then it has been rebuilt and moved around the church with the most recent work being undertaken by J W Walker in 1955 when the instrument was rebuilt. The Swell and Great actions were electrified and top-note machines added. A new Choir organ was built from old pipes and new bass octave pipes on the south side of the chancel. The detached console was placed under the tower crossing and a pedal organ created from existing and additional ranks, sharing some ranks with Great Swell and Choir; together with two large oak cases containing pipes from a new 16ft metal Diapason and a new oak case to the rear of the Choir organ with dummy front pipes.. Dummy fronts of mute zinc pipes with no casework were also fitted in front of the Choir expression box, facing north, and in front of the organ arch facing south.



The workmanship and quality of materials in the Hill pipework and components, which still comprise 90% of the organ, is outstanding. The inclusion of a 32ft Double Open Wood stop was the ultimate finishing touch of grandeur to the organ, raising it from 'parish' to 'cathedral' status in the eyes of aficionados.

A cleaning of the Great pipework in latter years is, remarkably, the only work carried out since 1955 other than regular tuning and maintenance. This speaks volumes about the quality of work executed by Hill in 1896 and Walker in 1955 .

Extract from Organ Consultant's report

The electrical systems of the organ have worn out and need replacing, along with all the wiring.

In some ways it needs some minor modifications to make it fit for the needs of the church in the 21st century.

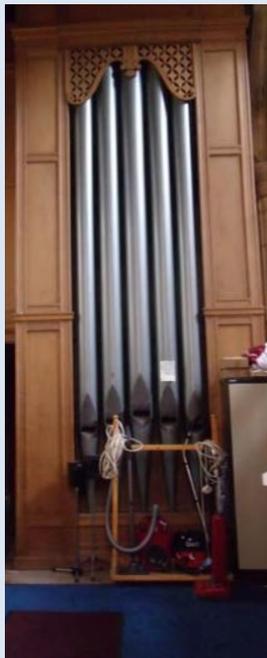
Most of the organ is in good order, needing relatively little work.

Maintenance costs will considerably reduce when the constant stream of electrical faults are traced and fixed.

With the church's development plans in mind :

- the case facing into the vestries can be moved north by some 60cm to allow for reorganising the Pedal and some of the Great pipework to ensure better projection into the church by the Swell.

- maintenance access to the main organ and to the back of the repositioned case would be improved. **PAUL HALE**



Sponsor a Pipe

Once restored, our organ will contain over 2,400 pipes. They vary in length from half an inch to a massive 32ft. 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 then combine to cover the cost of the restoration. Single pipe sponsorship is £20 for each pipe; with gift aid, you could sponsor 5 pipes (£100) for the price of 4 (£80).

You can sponsor a pipe in memory of a departed friend or relative, in thanksgiving for a special event, or simply for yourself. Families, schools and groups

can help too by sponsoring a pipe jointly.

Donors will have the name(s) of their choice recorded next to your pipe(s) in our book of donors.

Thank you

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At the Heart of St Mary's Appeal **St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray**

I wish to make a donation and sponsorpipe(s) @ £20 per 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 recognised.

I enclose a cheque for £ please make cheques payable to St Mary's DCC

Name

Address

..... Postcode

GIFT AID DECLARATION (for completion if appropriate)

I wish this gift to St Mary's DCC 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 this tax year.

Signed Date.....

The 'Sponsor a Pipe' and 'the Heart of St Mary's Appeal' is administered by St Mary's Church Melton Mowbray Development CIO, Charity Commission number 1168569