



# St Mary's Organ Appeal

Patron: The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans

## How you can help

Over the last decade or so we have raised a staggering **£100,000**. Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed. However we still need a further £10,000 to cover VAT. By contributing you will be helping to ensure the future of our musical tradition for God, our church and our town.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so electronically ('PCC of Potters Bar', a/c **20712337**, sort code **20-92-54**, please use the reference 'Organ Appeal') or via the form below.

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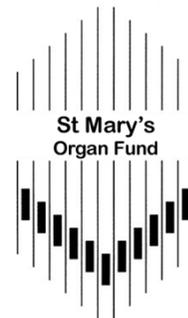
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- I wish to set up a standing order of £\_\_\_\_\_ per month
- I wish to buy a pipe for £20
- I wish to buy an octave of pipes for £100
- I wish to buy a rank of pipes for £1,000
- I enclose a cheque (made out to 'PCC of Potters Bar') for £\_\_\_\_\_
- I am a taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid my contribution
- I want to be added to the mailing list to receive updates about the organ appeal (your details will be held in compliance with GDPR – you can request removal at any time)

If you would like to know more about our Organ Appeal please visit the church's website at [www.stmaryspb.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspb.org.uk) or send an email to [organist@stmaryspb.org.uk](mailto:organist@stmaryspb.org.uk)



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## Preserving the music tradition of St Mary's for the next generation

*"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul"*

- JS Bach



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## Why does St Mary's need a new organ?

Our current organ is older than the church! It was built in 1885 for the old St John the Baptist church (located where the War Memorial now stands). When St Mary's was built in 1915 it was installed as a temporary measure. The last major work was done in 1991 and the organ is now in need of major repair:

- Much of the pipework has collapsed and is beyond repair
- The wooden components have warped
- The shutters on the swell box no longer close properly
- Many notes no longer sound and others stick (meaning the sound lasts after the key has been released)
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to tune and maintain with some pipes no longer being tunable
- The piston action (which controls combinations of stops) is unreliable
- The console is falling apart

After taking expert advice from our Organ Adviser, Mr Paul Hale (ex-Organist at Southwell Minster), and the Diocesan Organ Adviser, Mr Andrew Lucas (Master of Music at St Albans Abbey), the PCC has decided not to repair our current instrument. It has given faithful service to our parish for over 130 years but it has come to the end of its life and repair would be expensive and not a good use of our funds.

Fortunately a perfect instrument has become available and this will be transferred to St Mary's by Henry Groves and Sons during 2019 at a cost of just over £97,000 ex-VAT.



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## The new organ

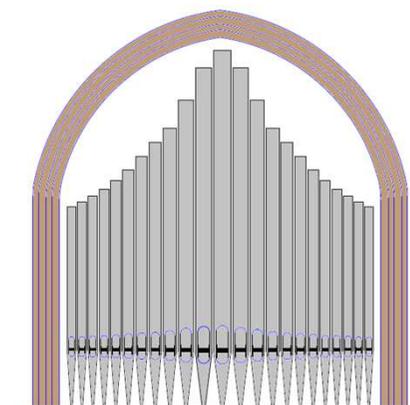
The new organ is currently located in St Alkmund and St Werburgh's church in Derby. It was built in 1888 by TC Lewis and then rebuilt in 1972 by JW Walker and Sons, both organ builders of high repute. St Alkmund's no longer requires the organ so it is available. It is a fine instrument which will work very well in St Mary's excellent acoustic and is the sort of instrument which would have been installed had St Mary's been completed to its original design. It will substantially increase interest in the musical life of the church, providing opportunities for recitals and concerts, as well as contributing considerably to the church's worship.

### Some basic stats

- Number of pipes: 2,250
- Number of keyboards: 3
- Number of stops: 50
- Length of largest pipe: 18 feet
- Length of smallest pipe: 3 inches



The new organ's console



Plan of how the pipes will be arranged in the north-facing arch of the organ loft