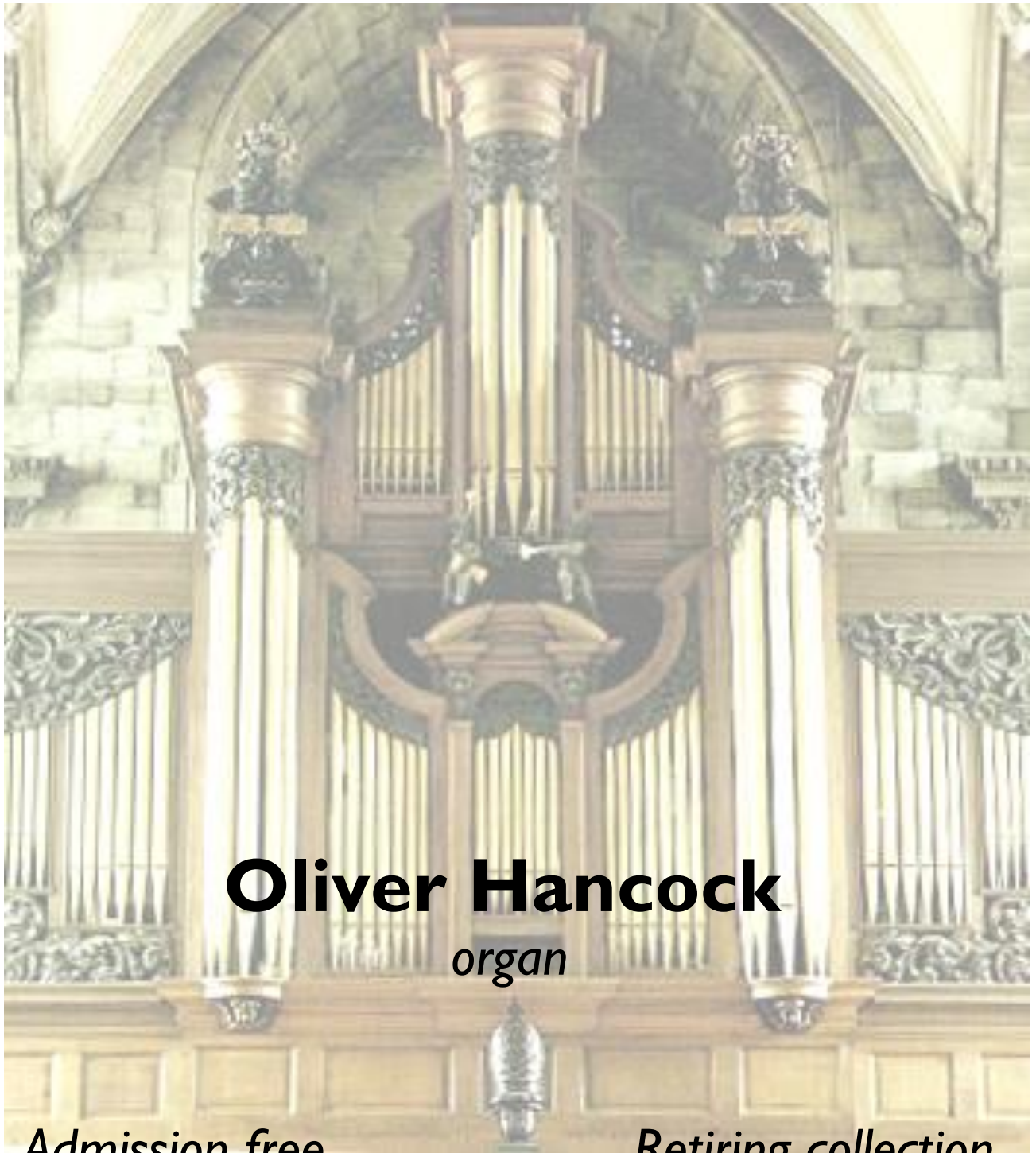


LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Friday 24th September 2021

1.15pm



Oliver Hancock

organ

Admission free

Retiring collection

Biography

Oliver Hancock is Director of Music at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, having previously held posts at Portsmouth and Ely Cathedrals. He was Organ Scholar at Jesus College, Oxford, and was one of the first students to take the MMus in Choral Studies degree at the University of Cambridge in 2010.

From 2008 to 2012, Oliver was Assistant Organist to Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir, where he accompanied regular cathedral services and helped to train the girl choristers. During this time he accompanied ECGC on their first tour to Paris, their fifth-anniversary broadcast of Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3, and their CD *Penitence & Redemption* (Regent Records). For the academic year 2011-12, Oliver was also Graduate Organ Scholar at Selwyn College, Cambridge, recording a CD of music by Alan Bullard – *Wondrous Cross* (Regent Records) – and undertaking a tour of the East coast of the USA, where venues included St Thomas 5th Avenue and the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York, and the National Cathedral in Washington DC.

Sub-Organist at Portsmouth Cathedral and School Organist at The Portsmouth Grammar School until Christmas Day 2017, Oliver accompanied daily services and worked with the boy and girl choristers, as well as undertaking outreach work across the diocese. In 2013, he directed the girl choristers and scholars on tour in Malta and Gozo, and in a tour of Italy in July 2015, which included an award-winning performance as part of the Florence International Choirs Festival, and accompanied the commissioning service of the aircraft carrier HMS Elizabeth II, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen.

At Warwick, Oliver is responsible for the musical life of St Mary's Church, training and conducting the choirs of boys, girls, and men in services and concerts both in Warwick and further afield. He also directs the Church's choral society 'Collegium', and is Choral Director at King's High School, Warwick's independent girls' school.

As well as the USA, Oliver has toured much of mainland Europe, both as conductor and accompanist, and has broadcast live on BBC One television, and BBC Radio 3 and 4. He is the Founder and Director of the Nelson Consort, an eight-part choir specialising in a cappella choral music – www.nelsonconsort.co.uk. He remains an active recitalist, performing recently in Westminster Cathedral, London, Lichfield and Chester Cathedrals, St James' Cathedral in Toronto, in and around Milan, and Kerpen in Germany. Oliver is an Examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

Programme

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<i>Orb and Sceptre</i>	Sir William Walton (1902-1983)
Two pieces i. Petite Prélude ii. Petite Pièce	Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
Two improvisations i. Marche épiscopale ii. Méditation	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
A Meditation on 'Brother James' Air'	Harold Darke (1888-1976)
Final (Symphonie Nr.6)	Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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Fridays, 1.15-2.00pm

1 st October	Mark Swinton <i>organ</i> (celebrating 10 years at St Mary's, Warwick)
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5 th November	James Druce <i>trombone</i>
19 th November	Matthew Howell <i>organ</i> (St Mary's, Warwick)
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