

54th Church Stretton
and South Shropshire
Arts Festival



St Laurence's Church,
Church Stretton

By kind permission of the Rector
and Churchwardens

Organ recital by Richard Walker

Friday August 6th, 2021 at noon

Allegro marziale	Frank Bridge 1879 - 1941
Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545	Bach 1675 - 1750
Fantasia in F minor, K608, for a mechanical organ	Mozart 1756 - 1791
Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No 2 <i>But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace (Ps 37, v11)</i>	Howells 1873 - 1953
Choral Song and Fugue	S.S.Wesley 1810 - 1876
Zoë - a miniature for organ	Jeffery Fraser born 1929
Imperial March	Elgar 1857 - 1934 <i>arr George Martin</i>

Richard Walker moved to Church Stretton in 2005, having spent his working life teaching music in schools – ending as Director of Music at Harrow School.

His involvement in music-making in the Strettons includes being one of the organists at Little Stretton Church, former Music Director of the Arts Festival, the organiser of the Saturday morning concerts, and also a presenter of music talks. He is Assistant Director of Music at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, where he accompanies most of the major services and organises the 55 lunch-hour concerts each year. As a recitalist, he has performed the complete organ works of J.S.Bach six times, and given recitals in many of the UK's most prestigious churches and cathedrals, and in Germany and the USA.

Richard studied organ with David Willcocks, gaining both ARCO and FRCO diplomas in the same year, and both with prizes. He was Assistant Organist at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Edinburgh and subsequently Organist at St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh before moving back to England in 1980.