

57th Church Stretton
and South Shropshire
Arts Festival



St James' Church,
Cardington

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the Churchwardens and PCC

Organ recital by Richard Walker

Wednesday August 7th, 2024 at noon

Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541 **Bach** 1685 - 1750

Chorale from Cantata 147 (*Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*)

(Sung in England to the words 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring')

Two Chorale Preludes

Johann Christoph Oley 1738 - 1789

Der Tag ist hin, mein Jesu bei mir bleibe

Jesus meine Zuversicht

Pax vobiscum Op 78

Karg-Elert 1877 - 1933

Naiades Op 55 No 4

Vierne 1870 - 1937

Cupid's Charms (Entr'acte)

Ernest Reeves 1873 - 1940 *arr Richard Walker*

Scherzo from *Five Short Pieces*

Percy Whitlock 1903 - 1946

The Chrysanthemum - An Afro-Caribbean Intermezzo

Scott Joplin 1878 - 1967 *arr E Power-Biggs*

Richard moved to Shropshire in 2005, after a career spent largely in teaching, which ended with 20 years as Director of Music of Harrow School.

His involvement in music-making in the Strettons includes being one of the organists at Little Stretton Church, a former Music Director of Arts Festival, organiser of the Saturday morning concerts, and also a presenter of talks on classical music. He is Assistant Director of Music at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, where he accompanies most of the major services and organises the weekly lunch-hour concerts. He also accompanies services regularly at Ludlow Parish Church. As a recitalist, he has performed the complete works of J.S.Bach six times, and has 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 before his 20th birthday, 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. In addition to the organ, Richard plays piano chamber music and duets, and double bass in the Shrewsbury and Ludlow Orchestras.

Final recital: Shaun Turnbull: Saturday, August 10th at noon

St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton

