



Welcome to 'Pipeline', a new monthly article about our magnificent pipe organ, at present in storage, pending installation here in Holy Trinity. It is described by William McVicker, our organ consultant, as being 'of exceptional quality'. Professor Ian Tracey writes, 'Tonally, it is a magnificent specimen; possessing many lovely solo registers, it boasts fine chorus work, and a pleno of Cathedral-like grandeur and nobility, not often found in instruments of its date and a full-length 32' Open. It is an excellent recital instrument, whilst also being a most suitable instrument for congregational and choir accompaniment.'

Our organ was the very generous gift to the church of St Thomas Bedford, Leigh, by Thomas Rigby Greenough Junior in memory of his mother, Annie (née Knowles), who died in 1917. He stipulated that it should be the best available and that 'no local builder should be used'! Thus Harrison & Harrison of Durham, one of the most prestigious builders in the country, were chosen.



(Coventry Cathedral organ is a Harrison, regarded as one of the best organs in the UK.)

The Greenough's were for 4 generations at the centre of commercial and social life in Leigh. Tom's father, Annie's husband, Thomas Rigby Greenough Senior, had died in 1910. He had been Mayor of Leigh in 1901/1902 and had attended the coronation of Edward VII and the laying of the foundation stone at the rebuilt St Thomas Bedford church. He and his brother Richard ran the family business of auctioneers and valuers. At his funeral he was described as a 'fair minded man' and it would be very hard to replace the like of him'. Tom Junior also went on to be Mayor in 1938/1939. More next month.

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