

Organ Pipeline No. 2



Welcome to the 2nd issue of 'Pipeline', a monthly article about our magnificent pipe organ, saved from the now closed church of St Thomas Bedford, Leigh. It was a greatly favoured recital instrument for many prominent distinguished organists, including our

neighbour, Kerry Beaumont, Coventry Cathedral's Director of Music. Among the most notable is Professor Ian Tracey, Organist Titulaire to Liverpool Cathedral and Organist to the City of Liverpool, pictured here at the console of the huge Liverpool Cathedral organ. Here are a few of his comments about our organ:



'It gives me immense pleasure to write in support of the rebuilding of this historic 1921 Harrison organ, which I have played many times and admired over some fifty years. It is a superb example of that period of organ building. Opened by Sir Edward Bairstow [York Minster] and Marcel Dupré, [Widor's successor at St Sulpice, Paris] it was in service for a staggering 92 years before the unfortunate closure of the church.

Tonally, it is a magnificent specimen; possessing many lovely solo registers, it boasts fine choruswork, and a pleno of Cathedral-like grandeur and nobility, not often found in instruments of its date. It is an excellent recital instrument, whilst also being a most suitable instrument for congregational and choir accompaniment.

I wholeheartedly support the most imaginative opportunity to reinstate it in Holy Trinity Coventry, which I also know, and where I personally feel it will sound even more magnificent than in its former home. I do hope that the church may be successful in securing the funding and realisation of this most imaginative and important project.'

Please don't hesitate to speak with Alex Norman, our Director of Music, or to Chris Howard to find out more about the organ project and the appeal.

Organ Transplant in the heart of Coventry

Holy Trinity Pipe Organ Appeal

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