



Supporting the Parish Organist

Totnes

Saturday 30 September 2017 (11.00-15.00)

I would like to draw your attention to the first of the Royal College of Organist's events in the South-West, when Simon Williams (director of the RCO's South region) and I will demonstrate the wide range of support now available from the RCO for those playing in parish churches and also those who play for leisure. The event will also be of interest to organ teachers.

The day will start with coffee at 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Totnes, TQ9 5NN, followed by an illustrated talk on the new RCO resources by Simon Williams. We shall then move a short distance down the hill to St John's Church (TQ9 5AD) for a finger buffet lunch at 1.00pm. At 2.00 until 3.00 I shall be running a workshop, including demonstrations of the requirements for the RCO's new Certificate of Accredited Membership.

St Mary's Church is home to a fine three-manual Father Willis organ, whilst St John's houses a two-manual instrument by William Drake, whose company restored St Mary's Willis in 1988.

The event, including lunch, will be free of charge but, for catering purposes, I would appreciate a note to indicate your attendance, together with any dietary requirements you may have. Totnes is readily accessible by train and bus and the distance between the churches is about a 10-minute walk. There are several council car parks in the town and the supermarket Morrisons provides 2 hours free parking. Badger Cabs run a taxi service from the railway station – telephone 01803 840400.

I hope you will be able to join us or, if not, to pass on this information to anyone you think would be interested. Simon and I look forward to welcoming you.

With all good wishes,

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