

A large pipe organ with many white pipes and a green frame. The organ is set against a reddish-brown wall. The pipes are arranged in a tiered fashion, with the tallest pipes in the center. The green frame has decorative finials. The organ is partially enclosed by a green railing.

# Pipe Up!

Sponsor a pipe for our new organ

The Norman Shaw interior, showing the raised organ



The inside of our current organ, showing the poor state it is in



## A New Organ for St Michael's

We are building a new organ and adding an extra floor to the church vestry, creating two more parish meeting rooms – which are much needed now that the church has grown. This exciting new project means that St Michael's - and the local schools and musical groups that use our church - will at last have an organ worthy of its Norman Shaw surroundings.

The present organ is in a very poor state. The bellows have rotted, the wind chests and playing action are in bad shape and several stops do not work. With bigger congregations and ever more ambitious music at services and concerts, there is a growing need for a decent instrument.

Three independent experts surveyed the organ and each believed that the best course, musically and financially, was to replace it with a new one.

Organ pipes need space above and around them for the sound to develop and 'speak' out into the church. In order to create a room below, our organ was raised above its original floor level position in the 1920s, taking away that space and leaving the sound muffled. Currently the best place to listen to the organ is in the car park!

By lowering the organ back to ground level we will improve the sound and restore Norman Shaw's original layout.

## Why does the Organ matter?

The organ is used at services several times a week. It leads the congregation's singing and supports the liturgy for all occasions, from a small gathering at a funeral, to 700 people at the Crib Service and everything in between.

We have a thriving choir, and our choral services are appreciated as an important part of our distinctive style at St Michael's. This is part of our outreach - helping people to know God through worship.

Many local choirs, schools, orchestras and ensembles use the church for rehearsals, celebrations and concerts. A new organ will benefit these groups, and open up possibilities for new repertoire and events.





## What does it mean for our mission as a church?

Glorifying God or loving God means deep and dignified worship, which has a transforming effect. Music is an important part of our worship, and the excellence of our musical and liturgical traditions attract many people to join our congregation. Church music helps us express our shared gladness in the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Music is also an important part of services such as weddings and funerals.



The new organ will be used extensively for teaching – both future organists and choral singing - and will become a new form of youth outreach.

A new organ is an investment in our future ministry.

## Our New Organ

Over the past four years we have taken advice, developed designs and specifications, and obtained the necessary permissions for the organ and building works.

We approached ten firms, both English and European. Of these, La Manufacture d'Orgues St Martin came up with the best design. We tried out several of their organs in the UK, and visited their workshop in Switzerland, to confirm the quality of their work. The organ they build for us will be very flexible, able to play many different styles of music in recital, as well as accompany choir and congregation. It will be used for a wide range of music, in services and concerts, which would never have been possible on our current organ.

There will be 1,665 pipes in our new organ, ranging in size from a few inches to 16ft depending on the pitch of the note. The pipes are made of different materials (lead, tin or wood) and crafted in different shapes, which determine the type of sound they make. Each pipe is made and carefully tuned by hand.

The organ and associated building works are expensive. The church has set aside monies due to come in over the next three years to offset some of these costs. However a substantial amount still remains to be raised from our congregation and community.



Damaged pipes in our current organ



Reed pipes



Contrabass wood pipes



## Be an Angel...

	Price	Monthly donation over one year	Monthly donation over three years
8ft to 16ft ( 60 pipes)	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£209.00</b>	<b>£70.00</b>
4ft to 8ft (144 pipes)	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£84.00</b>	<b>£28.00</b>
2ft to 4ft (209 pipes)	<b>£500</b>	<b>£42.00</b>	<b>£14.00</b>
1ft to 2ft (251 pipes)	<b>£100</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
1ft and smaller (1001 pipes!)	<b>£50</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

## ...and sponsor a pipe

Please consider sponsoring a pipe, or two, or twenty! You can dedicate the pipe to yourself, as a gift, or in memory of a loved one. All dedications will receive a certificate, and be written in the Benefactor's Book. For donations over £1,000 you will be invited to an Inaugural Recital and Reception. If you would like to sponsor a particular pipe or stop, or would like more information about the organ, please contact our organist, Jonathan Dods, via the Parish Office.

Please return forms, together with your remittance, to:  
**Pipe Up!**  
**Parish Office**  
**St Michael and All Angels**  
**Priory Avenue**  
**London W4 1TX**



Cornet pipes

**1. Your details** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Choose your pipe(s)**

Pipe	Price per pipe	Number of Pipes	Total
8 - 16ft	£2,500	_____	_____
4 - 8ft	£1,000	_____	_____
2 - 4ft	£500	_____	_____
1 - 2ft	£100	_____	_____
1ft and smaller	£50	_____	_____
		Total Amount	_____

**3. Dedication** (the name(s) will be written in the book, and on your certificate(s))

**4. Payment Method** (please delete as appropriate)

Cash or cheque / Monthly over a year / Monthly over 3 years

**5. Gift Aid** (this enables us to reclaim the tax paid on your donation)

I am a UK taxpayer, and I want St Michael and All Angels to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations, until I notify you otherwise. I understand that I must pay Income and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount the charity will reclaim.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify us if you no longer pay tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations or if you change your name or address

**6. STANDING ORDER**

To the Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Bank

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay to the Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels at Barclays Bank plc, Hammersmith Business Centre Group, PO Box 738, London W6 9HY

Sort code: **20-35-90** Account number: **23626423**

The sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (figures) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (words)

Commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and a like sum monthly for 12 / 36 months (delete as appropriate), and debit my account with each payment when made.

Account name \_\_\_\_\_ Account no \_\_\_\_\_

Sort code \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_



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