

## Supporting the Organ Appeal

Please complete this form and return it to:

The Organ Appeal,  
Church Office,  
Brassey Centre,  
AYLESFORD,  
Kent.  
ME20 7QR

I would like to contribute: £

or Preserve a Pipe from £65, £100 or £130 £

or Adopt a Stop £1,000

I would like information about leaving a legacy to St Peter & St Paul's Aylesford

Please make cheques payable to:  
**Aylesford Parochial Church Council**  
with "Organ Appeal" written on the back.

Full name .....

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If you are a **UK Taxpayer** you can increase your gift to us by ticking the following Gift Aid Declaration:

YES, I would like the Church of St Peter & St Paul in Aylesford to reclaim tax from HMRC on all contributions I make for their work.

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### Proposed specification of the restored Forster & Andrews Organ

<b>Great Organ</b>		<b>Swell Organ</b>	
Open Diapason	8	Tremulant	
Stopt Diapason	8	Open Diapason	8
Dulciana	8	Stopt Diapason	8
Principal	4	Flute d'Amour	8
Nason Flute	4	Principal	4
Twelfth	2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	Mixture [E]	III
Fifteenth		Cornopean	8
Mixture [N]	III	Oboe	8
Trumpet	8	Trumpet [E]	8
<b>Pedal Organ</b>		<b>Couplers</b>	
Open Diapason	16	Swell to Pedal	
Bourdon	16	Swell to Great	
Octave	8	Swell Octave to Great	
Flute	8	Swell Sub Octave to Great	
Fifteenth	4	Swell Octave	
Flute	4	Swell Sub Octave	
Trumpet [E]	16	Great to Pedal	
Clarion [E]	8		
		Thumb and toe pistons	
		10-level capture system	
		General cancel	

Key: [N] = New; [E] = Extended / Enhanced



St Peter & St Paul's Church,  
Aylesford, Kent



**ORGAN APPEAL**

## A brief history of the organ at Aylesford Parish Church

The current organ was built by the Hull firm of Forster and Andrews in 1865, to replace a barrel organ which had stood on the west wall gallery (since removed).

Over the years, the organ has been well maintained, with significant work being undertaken every 25 years or so. In 1965, the organ was moved from the chancel to its current position, electrified, and supplied with a detached console.

Of the 981 pipes which make up the organ today, a large proportion date back to 1865, or to 1879 when Forster and Andrews extended the organ.

The organ is a 2 manual and pedals instrument; it is a good example of Forster and Andrews' work, enhanced visually by casework skilfully painted by a local lady early in the 20th century.



## Music at Aylesford Parish Church

Music has been a very important part of Aylesford Parish Church for over 150 years, with the organ continuing to be central to both Sunday worship and to a variety of concerts and other musical events.

The music is directed by the Organist / Choirmaster and his Assistant, who took up their posts in 1985 and 1969 respectively.

Although choir numbers have eased over the last few years, in common with general trends across the country, the choir is still an important part of the church, and is always on the lookout for keen singers of any standard.

Since early 2009, when new facilities were opened in the church, a wider variety of musical activities have been available throughout the year.

## Our vision

We are very fortunate to have a fine Organ in this church, the result of the vision and faith of our Victorian forebears.

In the years since the organ was built, it has been regularly tuned and carefully maintained, and with periodic major work has served the church well for nearly 150 years with very little trouble.

Inevitably, time takes its toll, and it is now time to undertake major work, as described elsewhere on this leaflet, in order to maintain the long-term use of the organ.

We are now looking to raise £50,000.

We are aware that we are the current custodians of this fine instrument, and our vision is that the work undertaken will secure the viability of the organ for at least the next 25-50 years, so that future members of the church and Aylesford community will also have the same benefit as we do today.

We hope you will share our vision and commitment to undertake this work, and we trust you will support our Organ Appeal.



## Proposed works and timescale

The work to be undertaken on the organ falls into three main categories:

- **CLEANING:** Over the years, large amounts of dust and dirt have accumulated, which needs to be removed to assist the reliability of the instrument
- **SAFETY:** The electrical wiring system dates almost entirely from 1965, and is now in need of replacement with more modern wiring and transmission systems
- **TONAL IMPROVEMENTS:** The 'sparkle' of the organ has been reduced greatly over the years, mainly as a result of the progressive carpeting of the floors. It is now very difficult to lead a large congregation, and thus these improvements - mainly the restoration of a Mixture stop on the Great manual - are essential

The works also facilitate the moving of the console so that it is closer to the organ itself, a major deficiency since the 1965 rebuild.

The target timescale for the works is early 2012.

## How you can help

Any donation that you are able to give will help us to raise the total needed for the works, but you may wish to consider some of the following options as well:

- Preserve a Pipe for £65, £100 or £130
- Adopt a Stop for £1,000
- Support one or more of the many activities advertised in Church in aid of the Organ Appeal
- Make a donation of your choice
- Consider leaving a legacy

Thank you so much for your support.