

**GREAT ORGAN  
Technical Details**

		Feet	Pipes
1	Double Diapason & Bourdon	16	56
2	Large Open Diapason	8	56
3	Small Open Diapason	8	56
4	Stopped Diapason	8	56
5	Harmonic Flute	4	56
6	Principal	4	56
7	Twelfth	2 2/3	56
8	Fifteenth	2	56
9	Mixture, 4 ranks		224
10	Posaune	8	56

**SWELL ORGAN**

11	Bourdon	16	56
12	Open Diapason	8	56
13	Stopped Diapason	8	56
14	Salicional	8	56
15	Suabe Flute	4	56
16	Principal	4	56
17	Twelfth	2 2/3	56
18	Fifteenth	2	56
19	Mixture, 2 ranks		112
20	Cornocean	8	56
21	Oboe	8	56
22	Clarion	4	56

**CHOIR ORGAN**

23	Open Diapason	8	56
24	Stopped Diapason	8	56
25	Cone Gamba	8	56
26	Dulciana	8	56
27	Wald Flute	4	56
28	Principal	4	56
29	Flautina	2	56
30	Clarinet	8	56

**PEDAL ORGAN**

31	Sub-Bourdon	32	30
32	Open Diapason wood	16	30
33	Open Diapason, metal	16	30
34	Bourdon	16	30
35	Violone	8	30
36	Fifteenth	4	30
37	Trombone	16	30

### COUPLERS

Great to Pedal  
Swell to Pedal  
Choir to Pedal  
Swell to Great  
Swell to Choir

**Total number of pipes 2,114**

### COMPOSITION PEDALS

3 to Great Organ  
2 to Swell Organ

## The Harrison & Harrison Organ

The next organ was completed for Dedication by the Vicar, then Canon Gillson, M.A., at Evensong on 24th March, 1924. The gift of Dame Monica Wills, in memory of her husband, this organ had been designed in consultation with the organist, Mr. W. E. Kirby.

There were three manuals, CC to A, 58 notes and 2 ½ octaves of pedals, 30 notes. 43 speaking stops and 14 couplers = 57 draw stops.

The specification of the organ was as follows:

### PEDAL ORGAN

9 stops, 3 couplers

**Comment [ET1]:** Could put manuals in the same order for all organs

			Feet
1	Double Open Wood (18 from No. 2)	Wood	32
2	Open Wood	Wood	16
3	Open Diapason (12 from No. 20)	Metal	16
4	Sub Bass	Wood	16
5	Violone (from No. 32)	Metal	16
6	Octave Wood (18 from No. 2)	Wood	8
7	Flute (18 from No. 4)	Wood	8
8	Ophicleide	Metal	16
9	Posaune (18 from No. 8)	Metal	8

**Comment [ET2]:** Why 18 and not 12? Maybe bottom notes were quinted so hence the extra pipes but then why 18 on the octave wood?

I Choir to Pedal  
II Great to Pedal  
III Swell to Pedal

### CHOIR ORGAN

10 stops, Tremulant, and 3 couplers

			Feet
10	Lieblich Bourdon	Wood	16
11	Geigen	Metal	8
12	Echo Salicional	Metal	8
13	Vox Angelica (ten. C)	Metal	8

14	Viole d'Orchestre	Metal	8
15	Harmonic Flute	Metal	8
16	Concert Flute	Metal	4
17	Orchestral Bassoon	Metal	16
18	Clarinet	Metal	8

IV Tremulant  
(Nos. 10 to 18 in a swell-box)

19	Tuba (harmonic)	Metal	8
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V Octave  
VI Octaves alone  
VII Swell to Choir

N.B. No. 17 has an extra octave for use with No. VI, and is controlled by a piston labelled "Orchestral Hautboy 8 ft"

**GREAT ORGAN**  
12 stops, 3 couplers

			Feet
20	Double Open Diapason	Metal	16
21	Large Open Diapason	Metal	8
22	Small Open Diapason	Metal	8
23	Stopped Diapason	Wood	8
24	Hohl Flute	Wood	8
25	Wald Flute	Wood	4
26	Octave Quint	Metal	2 2/3
27	Super Octave	Metal	2
28	Harmonics, 17, 19, 21, 22	Metal	-
29	Tromba (harmonic trebles)	Metal	8
30	Octave Tromba (harmonic trebles)	Metal	4

VIII Reeds on Choir  
IX Choir to Great  
X Swell to Great

**SWELL ORGAN**  
12 stops, Tremulant and 1 couplet

31	Contra Viola	Metal	16
32	Open Diapason	Metal	8
33	Lieblich Gedeckt	Wood	8
34	Echo Gamba	Metal	8
35	Voix Célestes (ten. C.)	Metal	8
36	Gemshorn	Metal	4
37	Fifteenth	Metal	2
38	Mixture, 12, 19, 22	Metal	-
39	Hautboy	Metal	8

## XI Tremulant

40	Double Trumpet	Metal	16
41	Trumpet (harmonic trebles)	Metal	8
42	Clarion (harmonic trebles)	Metal	4

## XII Octave

### COMBINATION COUPLERS

XIII Great and Pedal Combination coupled  
XIV Pedal to Swell Pistons

### ACCESSORIES

Five combination pedals to the Pedal Organ.  
Four combination pistons to the Choir Organ.  
Five combination pistons to the Great Organ.  
Five combination pistons to the Swell Organ.  
Reversible piston to No. 8.  
Reversible piston to Great to Pedal.  
Reversible piston to Swell to Great.  
Reversible foot piston to Choir Tremulant.  
Reversible foot piston to Swell Tremulant.  
Two balanced and crescendo pedals to Choir and Swell Organs.

### WIND PRESSURES

Pedal flue-work, 4 inches; reeds 15 inches.  
Choir 5 inches; Tuba 15 inches.  
Great flue-work, 4 inches; reeds 12 inches.  
Swell flue-work and Oboe, 4 1/2 inches; other reeds 7 inches.  
Action, 12 inches

The builders' latest tubular pneumatic system was applied to all the action except the manual pedal couplers, which was mechanical.

The organ was tuned to the new French pitch i.e. C=517 vibrations per second at 60 degrees F.

The blowing was by Discus fans and Electric Motor, by Messrs. Watkins and Watson, of London.

This instrument was destroyed by fire when All Saints Church was bombed in 1940.

## The Rushworth & Dreaper Organ

For five years the music for the services (then being held in the Parish Hall) were accompanied by Mr. Kirby on a Grand Piano, sometimes aided by an orchestra! However, in 1946 Rushworth and Dreaper installed a two manual organ which was housed in a gallery adjacent to the temporary church. This was a most unsatisfactory arrangement because for those parts of the choral music which were sung unaccompanied the organist had to come-downstairs from the console in order to conduct the choir. This done he had to nip swiftly back up again to play his next piece!

The specification of this organ was as follows:

**Comment [ET3]:** This is nothing like the NPOR spec of the R&D organ.  
<http://www.npor.org.uk/NPORView.html?Ri=N03823> It says the survey was done in 1948 so post 1946. I am now wondering if this is the spec of the H&H organ not the R&D and maybe the NPOR spec is correct and should be in here. I need to print out the specs to compare the 2 &H organs to see ow well one migrates into the other which I can't easily do in Malawi without a printer.

### PEDAL

7 stops, 2 couplers

			Feet
1	Diapason	Metal	16
2	Dulciana (from No. 8)	Metal	16
3	Sub Bass	Wood	16
4	Dulciana (fro, No. 8)	Metal	8
5	Flute (20 from No. 3)	Wood	8
6	Flute (20 from Nos. 3 and 5)	Wood & Metal	4
7	Trumpet (from No. 20)	Metal	16

**Comment [ET4]:** Why now 20 additional pipes?

I Great to Pedal

II Swell to Pedal

### GREAT ORGAN

6 stops, 4 couplers

8	Contra Dulciana	Metal	16
9	Open Diapason	Metal	8
10	Hohl Flute	Wood	8
11	Gamba	Metal	8
12	Dulciana (from No. 8)	Metal	4
13	Principal	Metal	4

III Swell to Great

IV Octave

V Sub Octave

VI Unison Off

### SWELL ORGAN

7 stops, Tremulant and 3 couplers

14	Open Diapason	Metal	8
15	Lieblich Gedeckt	Wood & Metal	8
16	Voix Célestes (ten. C.)	Metal	8
17	Echo Dulciana	Metal	8
18	Suabe Flute	Wood	4
19	Principal	Metal	4
20	Contra Trumpet	Metal	16

VII Tremulant

VIII Octave

IX Sub Octave

X Unison Off

### ACCESSORIES

Three combination pistons to the Great Organ.

Three combination pistons to the Swell Organ.

Reversible piston to Great to Pedal.

Three combination foot pistons to the Pedal Organ.  
Balanced crescendo pedal to the Swell Organ.

#### WIND PRESSURES

Pipe wind 4 inches. Action 8 inches.

The tone and action of this organ were unsuitable to incorporate in the instrument to be built in the new church. For this reason Harrison & Harrison were approached to discuss the size and location of the organ which it was decided to build in the new church. The contract for this instrument was signed on St. Stephens Day, 1950.

### The Second Harrison & Harrison Organ

In 1952 the Rushworth and Dreaper instrument was sold to Queen's College, Taunton, and work began on the new organ to be built by Harrison & Harrison Ltd., of Durham.

It had been decided to install a two manual organ, with detached stop key console, in the temporary church so that it could then be incorporated in the final organ to be erected in Randall Blacking's proposed building.

From the organist's point of view the arrangements for the installation of the new organ were an improvement on those previously experienced. Although the organ occupied the same position as the old one its console was now placed on the ground floor, between the choir stalls

Here is the specification of the two manual organ:

#### PEDAL ORGAN

7 stops, 2 couplers Feet

			Feet
1	Diapason	Metal	16
2	Dulciana (from No. 8)	Metal	16
3	Sub Bass	Wood	16
4	Dulciana (fro. No. 8)	Metal	8
5	Flute (20 from No. 3)	Wood	8
6	Flute (20 from Nos. 3 and 5)	Wood & Metal	4
7	Trumpet (from No. 20)	Metal	16

I Great to Pedal

II Swell to Pedal

#### GREAT ORGAN

6 stops, 4 couplers

8	Contra Dulciana	Metal	16
9	Open Diapason	Metal	8
10	Hohl Flute	Wood	8
11	Gamba	Metal	8
12	Dulciana (from No. 8)	Metal	4
13	Principal	Metal	4

III Swell to Great  
IV Octave V Sub Octave  
VI Unison Off

**SWELL ORGAN**  
7 stops, Tremulant and 3 couplers

	Open Diapason Metal		
	Lieblich Gedeckt Wood & Metal		
	Voix Célestes (ten. C.) Metal		
	Echo Dulciana Metal		
	Suabe Flute Wood		
	Principal Metal		
	Contra Trumpet Metal		

VII Tremulant  
VIII Octave  
IX Sub Octave  
X Unison Off

**ACCESSORIES**

Three combination pistons to the Great Organ.  
Three combination pistons to the Swell Organ.  
Reversible piston to Great to Pedal.  
Three combination foot pistons to the Pedal Organ.  
Balanced crescendo pedal to the Swell Organ.

**WIND PRESSURES**

Pipe wind 4 inches. Action 8 inches.

This was the organ to have been incorporated in the larger one whose specification is given below. In fact, the completed version never materialised, much to the relief of organist Edward Fry who drew up the plans as, having had more experience of organ planning, he now realizes' how unimaginative and dull this instrument would have sounded.

The Pedal, Great and Swell Organs were to have occupied a position on a West Gallery, with the Choir Organ at the East end of the church. The console was to be detached and placed on' the West gallery.

Three manuals, CC to C, 61 notes, and two and a half octaves of radiating and concave pedals, CCC to G, 32 notes; 48 speaking stops and 22 couplers, etc., making a total of 70 draw stops.

All manual stops were to have an extra octave of pipes at the top for use with the Octave Couplers.

The Choir Organ was also to have an independent single manual console at the East end. To provide a Pedal department for this the Dulciana was to be available in 16 and 8 feet pitch and there was to be a Manual to Pedal coupler. No other couplers were to be available on the console but there was to be a Tremulant.

**PEDAL ORGAN**

**Comment [ET5]:** This spec must be wrong as it is the same as the R&D organ above!

17 stops, 3 couplers

			Feet
1	Double Open Wood (open to FFFF. 5 acoustic; 20 from No. 2)	Wood	32
2	Open Wood	Wood	16
3	Open Metal (from No. 25)	Metal	16
4	Sub Bass	Wood	16
5	Dulciana (20 from No. 20)	Metal	16
6	Octave Wood (20 from No. 2)	Wood	8
7	Principal	Metal	8
8	Flute (20 from No. 4)	Wood	8
9	Dulciana (20 from No. 5)	Metal	8
10	Fifteenth (20 from No. 7)	Metal	4
11	Twenty-second (from No. 12)	Metal	2
12	Mixture, 12, 17, 19, 22, 26, 29	Metal	-
13	Ophicleide (20 from No. 16)	Metal	16
14	Trombone (from No. 33)	Metal	16
15	Oboe (from No. 45)	Metal	16
16	Posaune	Metal	8
17	Clarion (20 from No. 16)	Metal	4

**Comment [ET6]:** Again why 20 extra pipes? What am I missing?

I Choir to Pedal  
II Great to Pedal  
III Swell to Pedal

#### CHOIR ORGAN

7 stops, Tremulant, and 5 couplers (In a swell box)

18	Contra Dulciana (from No, 20 unenclosed)	Metal	16
19	Geigen Diapason	Metal	8
20	Dulciana	Metal	8
21	Vox Angelica (flat) Ten. C	Metal	8
22	Cor de Nuit	Wood & Metal	8
23	Flute Douce	Metal	4
24	Piccolo	Metal	2

IV Tremulant  
V Octave  
VI Sub Octave  
VII Unison Off  
VIII Swell to Choir  
IX Great to Choir

#### GREAT ORGAN

10 stops, 5 couplers, I transfer and tremulant  
(Nos. 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34 in a swell box)

25	Double Open Diapason	Metal	16
26	Open Diapason I	Metal	8



27	Open Diapason II	Metal	8
28	Gamba	Metal	8
29	Harmonic Flute	Metal	8
30	Octave	Metal	4
31	Super Octave	Metal	2
32	Mixture, 12, 19, 22, 26, 29	Metal	-
33	Contra Tromba	Metal	16
34	Tromba (from No. 33)	Metal	8

X Tremulant to Nos. 28 & 29

XI Choir to Great

XII Swell to Great

XIII Octave

XIV Sub Octave

XV Unison Off

XVI Enclosed Great on Choir

#### **SWELL ORGAN**

14 stops, Tremulant and 3 couplers

35	Open Diapason	Metal	8
36	Lieblich Gedeckt	Wood & Metal	8
37	Salicional	Metal	8
38	Voix Célestes (sharp) Ten. C.	Metal	8
39	Echo Dulciana	Metal	8
40	Suabe Flute	Wood	4
41	Principal	Metal	4
42	Fifteenth	Metal	2
43	Twenty-second	Metal	1
44	Mixture, 12, 19, 26, 29	Metal	-
45	Contra Oboe	Metal	16

XVII Tremulant

46	Double Trumpet	Metal	16
47	Trumpet (harmonic trebles)	Metal	8
48	Clarion (harmonic trebles)	Metal	4

XVIII Octave

XIX Sub Octave

XX Unison Off

#### **COMBINATION COUPLERS**

XXI Great and Pedal Combinations coupled

XXII Pedal to Swell Pistons

#### **ACCESSORIES**

Eight combination pedals to the Pedal Organ.

Eight combination pedals to the Swell Organ. Four combination pistons to the Choir Organ.

Eight combination pistons to the Great Organ.

Eight combination pistons to the Swell Organ.

Two general pistons over the entire Organ.  
 \*Reversible piston to Choir to Pedal.  
 \*Reversible piston to Great to Pedal.  
 \*Reversible piston to Swell to Pedal.  
 Reversible piston to Swell to Great. Reversible pedal to Swell to Great.  
 Reversible pedal to Great to Pedal.  
 One general cancel piston.  
 Three balanced crescendo pedals to Choir, Great and Swell Organs.

\*These three pistons have double touch operation as follows:-  
 Second touch on Choir to Pedal cancels all other Pedal couplers and brings out Nos. 5, 9, and I.  
 Second touch on Great to Pedal cancels all other Pedal couplers and brings out Nos. 4, 8, and II.  
 Second touch on Swell to Pedal cancels all other Pedal couplers and brings out Nos. 5, 9, and III.

#### WIND PRESSURES

Pedal flue work 4 inches, Reeds 15 inches.  
 Choir 3 ½ inches, Great flue work 4 inches.  
 Reeds 9 inches, Swell flue work and Oboe 4 1/2 inches, Chorus Reeds 7 inches.  
 Action 12 inches.

The stop handles were to have had solid ivory fronts, the speaking stops to be lettered in black and the couplers in red. The couplers to be grouped with the speaking stops of the departments they augment. The mechanism would have been on the builders' latest electro-pneumatic system. As before mentioned this instrument was never built owing to the changed style and shape of the proposed church. The existing part of the organ was then sold to the William Temple Memorial Church, Wythenshawe, Manchester, and Walkers, who were given the contract for the present organ loaned us the Positif Organ.

**Comment [E7]:** <http://www.npor.org.uk/NPORView.html?RI=N01571> is the NPOR listing for this church which says an organ was installed in 1957. May need to contact H&H to get the spec of the All Saints organ above though unless it is in other documents at AS.

### The "Mini-Organ"

For the last two years of the confinement to the Parish Hall for services a small Walker Positif Organ was installed. This stood on the ground floor behind the Altar, with the console attached. Its specification is set out below:

Compass of Manuals CC to C 61 notes  
 Compass of Pedals CCC to F 30 notes

#### GREAT ORGAN

		Feet
*1	Open Diapason	8
2	Lieblich Gedeckt	8
*3	Dulciana	8
4	Principal	4
5	Twelfth	2 2/3
6	Fifteenth	2
7	Mixture 3 ranks	-

• =Bass from No. 2.

### **SWELL ORGAN**

8	Open Diapason	8
9	Lieblich Gedeckt	8
10	Lieblich Flute	4
11	Dulcet	4
12	Nazard	2 2/3
13	Flautino	2

### **PEDAL ORGAN**

14	Bourdon	16
15	Bass Flute	8
16	Fifteenth	4
17	Octave Flute	4

### **COUPLER**

Great to pedal

### **STANDARD ACCESSORIES**

Tremulant

Balanced Swell Pedal

Balanced Crescendo Pedal

This model contained 4 ranks, including an independent Mixture "repeating" rank 282 pipes in all, enclosed in a swell box, with the exception of the bottom octave of the Bourdon 16 feet.

Attached stop key console.  
Electric blower and rectifier.  
Electric action.

Dimensions-console and organist's bench attached:

Height        10 feet 4 inches  
Width         7 feet 0 inches  
Depth         6 feet 3 inches

The fine musical qualities of this instrument inspired much better congregational singing and more artistic playing.

### **The New Clifton Sound**

At nine o'clock on the morning of the Consecration of the new church the organ builders were still tuning and adjusting the instrument. When the time came for the service to commence the organist had not even heard some of the stops! Nevertheless, the appointed time had come, and the full glory of the New Clifton Sound burst forth at last, culminating in the majestic crescendo of "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labours Rest".

A short recital was given at the end of the service.

The new Walker Organ has been built to a scheme planned in consultation with the Parish Organist, Mr. Edward Fry, and is classical in its conception. It is a Three-Manual and Pedal Organ with Tracker Action, Low Wind Pressure, Slider Chests and Open Foot Voicing of the Pipes. The instrument, which is free standing, has been incorporated in the overall design of the church.

Detailed specifications are given below:  
 Compass of Manuals CC to C 61 notes  
 Compass of Pedals CCC to G 32 notes

#### GREAT ORGAN

			Feet	Pipes
1	Quintaton	Metal	16	61
2	Principal	Metal 80% Tin	8	61
3	Stopped Diapason	Wood	8	61
4	Octave	Metal 80% Tin	4	61
5	Rohrflote	Metal	4	61
6	Octave Quint	Metal	2 2/3	61
7	Fifteenth	Metal	2	61
8	Tierce T.C.	Metal	1 3/5	49
9	Fourniture (19-22-26-29)	Metal	4 ranks	244
10	Trumpet	Metal	8	61

#### SWELL ORGAN

11	Gedeckt	Metal	8	61
12	Salicional	Metal	8	61
13	Voix Céleste T.C	Metal	8	61
14	Venetian Flute	Metal	4	61
15	Principal	Metal	2	61
16	Twenty-second	Metal	1	61
17	Scharf (22-26-29-33)	Metal	4 ranks	244
18	Dulzian	Metal	16	61
19	Trumpet	Metal	8	61
20	Clarion	Metal	4	61

Tremulant

#### POSITIVE ORGAN

21	Bourdon	Metal	8	61
22	Principal	Metal 80 %Tin	4	61
23	Koppelflote	Metal	4	61
24	Nazard	Metal	2 2/3	61
25	Blockflote	Metal	2	61
26	Tierce T.C.	Metal	1 3/5	61
27	Larigot	Metal	1 1/3	61
28	Cymbal (29-33-36)	Metal 80 % Tin	3 ranks	183
29	Regal	Wood	8	61

Tremulant

#### PEDAL ORGAN

30	Principal	Metal	16	32
31	Sub Bass	Wood	16	44
32	Salicional	Metal	16	32
33	Octave	Metal	8	32
34	Bass Flute (from No. 31)	Wood	8	32
35	Choral Bass	Metal	4	32
36	Nachthorn	Metal	2	32
37	Mixture (15-19-22)	Metal	3 ranks	96
38	Bombarde	Wood	16	32
39	Schalmei	Wood	16	32

GREAT ORGAN	781
SWELL ORGAN	781
POSITIVE ORGAN	659
PEDAL ORGAN	364
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,585 pipes</b>

#### COUPLERS

- 40. Positive to Pedal
- 41. Great to Pedal
- 42. Swell to Pedal
- 43. Swell to Great
- 44. Swell to Positive

45. Great and Pedal Combinations coupled.

**Comment [ET8]:** Was this ever an actual stop?

#### ACCESSORIES

- Five thumb pistons to Positive
- Five thumb pistons to Great
- Five thumb pistons to Swell
- Five composition pedals to Pedal
- Five composition pedals to Swell (Duplicating)
- Three general thumb pistons
- Three general composition pedals (Duplicating)
- One general cancel thumb piston
- One reversible thumb piston for Great to Pedal
- One reversible composition pedal for Great to Pedal
- One reversible thumb piston for Swell to Great
- One reversible thumb piston for Swell to Positive
- Balanced Swell pedal.

#### MIXTURE BREAKS

Mixtures Breaks are as follows:-

**FOURNITURE GREAT (19-22-26-29)**

4 ranks

1. CC.	19-22-26-29	12 Notes
13. Ten. C.	15-19-22-26	12 "
25. Mid. C.	12-15-19-22	12 "
37. Treb. C.	8-12-15-19	12 "
49. Up. C.	8-8-12-15	13 "

**SCHARF SWELL (22-26-29-3)**

1. CC.	22-26-29-33	6 Notes
7. FF#	19-22-26-29	12 "
19. Ten. F#	15-19-22-26	12 "
31. Mid. F#	12-15-19-22	12 "
43. Treb. F#	8-12-15-19	12 "
55. Top. f#	8-8-12-15	7 "

**CYMBAL (29-33-36) 3 ranks POSITIVE**

1. CC.	29-33-36	20 Notes
2 1. Ten. G#	26-29-33	8 "
29. Mid. E	22-26-29	4 "
33. Mid. G#	19-22-26	8 "
41. Treb. E	15-19-22	4 "
45. Treb. G#	12-15-19	8 "
53. Top. E	8-12-15	9 "

**DISCUS BLOWER AND BOOSTER**

Main Blower 1 h. p.

Booster Blower ¼ h. p.

**WIND PRESSURES**

Great 2 ½ inches

Swell 2 ¾ "

Positive 2 "

Pedal 2 ½ "

Drawstop Action 6 "

**GREAT ORGAN**

Wind Control by Walker Exclusive Designed Compensators ensuring steady wind supply at all demands.

Polished Zinc and Tin Front Pipes.

**TRACKER ACTION**

There is Tracker Action to the manuals on the latest continental lines, needle pivot bearings to metal squares and backfalls. Aluminium wire and steel cord trackers, nylon bearings and connections.

The main advantage of the use of Tracker Action is that it provides a much more intimate relationship between the sound of the pipes and the organists' mind and touch than did former methods of connecting the keys and notes.

Electro Pneumatic Action to Pedal and Drawstops.

## **The 2015 Nicholson Rebuild**

By the early 2000s the condition of the organ began to deteriorate. A number of the stop mechanisms become unreliable and many were impossible to access due to the organ being encased in a concrete surround. The action was also becoming heavy and difficult to play. It was therefore decided to undertake an extensive rebuild of the instrument, including a new action and some tonal modifications, but maintaining the mechanical action. This work was entrusted to Nicholson of Malvern.

### **Action**

A new action was installed using wooden trackers rather than the previous experimental wires. Modifications were made to the wind chests to reduce the width of some of the channels to enable smaller pallets to be installed to limit the key weights as much as possible. This also enabled the previously missing Positive to Great couple to be installed which greatly increased the flexibility of the organ.

### **Total modifications**

The tonal changes were kept to a minimum so as not to lose the characteristic "Clifton Sound". However the opportunity was taken improve the flexibility of the organ and to make the overall sound more cohesive. The skill of the Nicholson voicers must be commended in the way they approached this task.

### **Great**

The 16ft Quintaton was revoiced into a light toned bourdon works well with both the 8ft and 4ft flutes as well as underpinning the diapason chorus with 16ft tone.

The fifteenth was brightened to bring it to a similar volume as the 4ft principal.

### **Positive**

The Regal was replaced with a new versatile Cremona which acts as both a clarinet like solo stop as well as a small scale chorus reed.

The Cymbal mixture was recast from its previous 29-33-36 to a more useful 26-29-33. The addition of the Positive to Great coupler also enables this mixture to be used to top off the Great chorus as it is of similar volume and located in close proximity to the Great chorus.

### **Swell**

The largest number of changes were made to the Swell organ. A new Open Diapason 8ft was added using space made available by removing the Clarion 4ft which did not add a great deal to the overall sound of the organ. The resonators from the Clarion were however incorporated into the Trumpet

8ft stop. The old Dulcian, which had a very thin tone, was replaced with a new Basson 16ft stop, voiced to provide good 16ft tone in the base to support the full swell sound and a more French sounding Hautbois in the treble.

### **Pedal**

The Acoustic Base 32ft was remodelled using the Principal 16ft and Sub Base 16ft to make a more effective sound. The Bombarde 16ft was also revoiced to give it more fundamental sound to add better gravitas to the overall full organ sound.

The specification of the rebuilt organ is as follows:

Compass of Manuals CC to C 61 notes

Compass of Pedals CCC to G 32 notes

### **GREAT ORGAN**

			Feet	Pipes
1	Bourdon	Metal	16	61
2	Principal	Metal 80% Tin	8	61
3	Stopped Diapason	Wood	8	61
4	Octave	Metal 80% Tin	4	61
5	Rohrflote	Metal	4	61
6	Octave Quint	Metal	2 2/3	61
7	Fifteenth	Metal	2	61
8	Tierce T.C.	Metal	1 3/5	49
9	Fourniture (19-22-26-29)	Metal	4 ranks	244
10	Trumpet	Metal	8	61

### **SWELL ORGAN**

11	Open Diapason	Metal	8	61
12	Gedeckt	Metal	8	61
13	Salicional	Metal	8	61
14	Voix Céleste T.C	Metal	8	61
15	Venetian Flute	Metal	4	61
16	Principal	Metal	2	61
17	Twenty-second	Metal	1	61
18	Scharf (22-26-29-33)	Metal	4 ranks	244
19	Basson	Metal	16	61
20	Trumpet	Metal	8	61

Tremulant

### **POSITIVE ORGAN**

21	Bourdon	Metal	8	61
22	Principal	Metal 80 %Tin	4	61
23	Koppelflote	Metal	4	61



24	Nazard	Metal	2 2/3	61
25	Blockflöte	Metal	2	61
26	Tierce T.C.	Metal	1 3/5	61
27	Larigot	Metal	1 1/3	61
28	Cymbal (26-29-33)	Metal 80 % Tin	3 ranks	183
29	Cremona	Metal	8	61

Tremulant

#### PEDAL ORGAN

30	Acoustic Bass	Metal & Wood	32	0
31	Principal	Metal	16	32
32	Sub Bass	Wood	16	44
33	Salicional	Metal	16	32
34	Octave	Metal	8	32
35	Bass Flute (from No. 31)	Wood	8	32
36	Choral Bass	Metal	4	32
37	Nachthorn	Metal	2	32
38	Mixture (15-19-22)	Metal	3 ranks	96
39	Bombarde	Wood	16	32
40	Schalmei	Wood	16	32

#### COUPLERS

- 41. Positive to Pedal
- 42. Great to Pedal
- 43. Swell to Pedal
- 44. Swell to Great
- 45. Positive to Great
- 46. Swell to Positive

#### ACCESSORIES

- Six thumb pistons to Positive
- Six thumb pistons to Great
- Six thumb pistons to Swell
- Six general thumb pistons
- Six composition pedals to Pedal
- Six composition pedals to Swell or general by selection (Duplicating)

- One general cancel thumb piston
- One reversible thumb piston for Great to Pedal
- One reversible thumb piston for Swell to Pedal
- One reversible thumb piston for Positive to Pedal
- One reversible thumb piston for Swell to Great
- One reversible thumb piston for Positive to Great
- One reversible thumb piston for Swell to Positive
- One reversible composition pedal for Great to Pedal
- Balanced Swell pedal.