



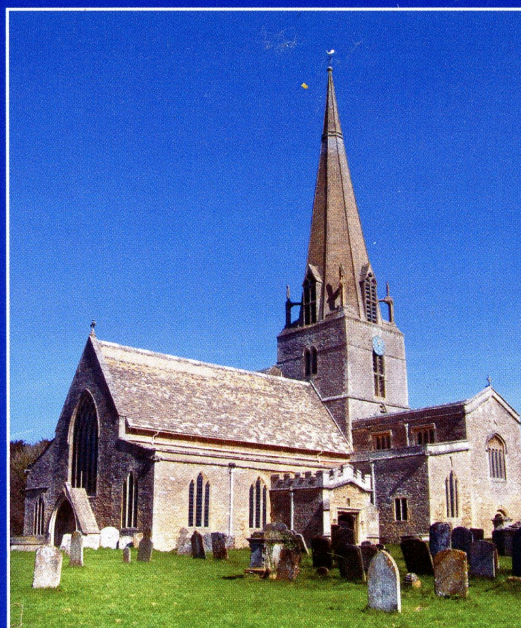
*The organ before dismantling*



*Table of small pipes, partly taken apart*



*Another large pipe coming out*



*St Mary's Church,  
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# St Mary's Church Bampton Organ Appeal



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St Mary's Organ fell into disrepair a few years ago and was removed in early 2016. The Organ is now undergoing restoration and we hope that it will grace the Church once more in 2020.

The total cost of the restoration is currently estimated at £175,000. The St Mary's PCC is working to secure grants, which we estimate could raise £75,000 – we therefore need £100,000 to complete the work .

The organ at St Mary's Church, Bampton was made by William Gray in 1812, and was subsequently enlarged in 1870. It had a mechanical action that facilitated manual operation of its pedals and stops, and it had no electrical action, or indeed electrical supply. The organ deteriorated somewhat over the years and hence the current renovation was authorised.



The Organ has been an integral part of the fabric of St Mary's Church for over 200 years and will be returned to its former glory, with significant, but sympathetic improvements. It is planned to site the Organ in its original location, in the Transept, but in an elevated position, thus increasing the effective floor space for improved community use.

Preserving the fabric of our ancient buildings is important, not least since the St Mary's Church Bampton sits in the heart of our community, and has done for hundreds of years. Returning the Organ to its rightful place in our historic Church will ensure that future generations will enjoy the full benefits of the Church and Organ, be they regular churchgoers or not.

Please can you help preserve part of our local heritage?

***Details of how to make a donation are outlined below:***

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Envelopes may be deposited in the small wall safe immediately inside the entrance to the Church.

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# Organ repair is music to church's ears

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**AN ORGAN with over 200 years of history is set for a £250,000 makeover.**

The instrument at St Mary's Church in Bampton has been in the hands of a specialist organ restoration company since February 2017.

The original organ was installed on April 25, 1812, at a cost of 460 guineas.

It was then reconstructed in 1870 and due to repairs though the years, little of the original organ remains.

However, much of the latter reconstruction is intact, meaning most of the organ is almost 150 years old.

This makes work on the instrument extremely difficult and expensive.

The church has already collected £100,000 towards the project and is optimistic about bringing in the other £150,000 it needs.

Douglas Clare, former churchwarden and current treasurer at St Mary's, has overseen the fundraising so far.

He said: "We've done all sorts of funding campaigns including regular quiz nights and 12-hour sponsored organ playing sessions with



**THE** organ's soundboard under construction at Cousans. Picture: St Mary's Church, Bampton

the temporary electric organ we've been using for our services.

"We've asked the community for donations and they've been very kind in their help."

Cousans Organs in Coalville,

north-west Leicestershire, is currently doing the necessary fixtures to get the old organ back into shape.

Mr Clare explained: "It's a really big project as we're dealing here with very delicate precision instru-

ments. There's not many places that can do the work we require, it's so specialist.

"The organ is getting an upgrade as it wasn't fit for purpose anymore and it's going to have more volume

which is good because we're a big church.

"The whole community is very excited for its return though, a lot of people have been asking about its progress.

"The choirmaster David is very much looking forward to getting his organ back."

The organ will be having a pipe upgrade with there now being 1,410 gold pipes compared to the previous 1,290.

Some of these pipes are eight feet high, whilst others are just the size of a pencil.

The difference in size of the pipes leads to the varying sounds the organ can produce.

In order to raise extra money, the public will be able to sponsor one of the new 1410 pipes.

A commemorative book will then be produced which sponsors will be able to cherish.

Originally, the organ went to Peter Collins Ltd in Melton Mowbray, also in Leicestershire.

The company unfortunately went into administration following the death of owner, renowned organ builder Peter Collins. It was then that the organ was transferred to Cousans.

Work is well under way for completion by Easter 2020, where it will be mounted in its original position.



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