

ST JOHN'S WILLIS ORGAN RESTORATION 2004-5

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Mid April, 2005.

All the organ pipes are now back in place, and its mechanisms coupled up and functioning. More and more of the organ is now being used to accompany Sunday services.

There remains the painstaking task of tuning and regulating all of the pipes, and subjecting the instrument to every kind of usage to test for any hidden flaws in the re-assembly process.

It is eleven months since work first began.



During that time, church worship and hospitality has continued un-interrupted by the major works undertaken. Tea Room workers, tourists and regular worshippers are hearing the pure rich sounds of a great music instrument again, and it is once more sounding just how 'Father' Willis intended it to.

It's a great credit to David Wells and his team of organ builders, and to our tireless project manager and organ custodian, Philip Thomas

We are very proud of what you have achieved.

Assistant Bishop David Yeoman will re-dedicate the organ at the Patronal festival Eucharist on Friday 24th June at 7.30pm

The inaugural concert will take place on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm. It will be given by Appeal Patron, Thomas Trotter, organist of the Clty of Birmingham.

A performance of Duruflé's Requiem, by Cantemus with organ accompaniment by Huw Tregelles Williams, one of the restoration advisors, will take place on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm

