

# St Mary's Parish Church, Humberstone, Leicester

## The Organ

Specification and details of the upgrade completed November, 2018

The *J W Walker and Sons* organ in St Mary's Church was installed during 1929 as a memorial to Kate Turner, wife and musician of W G Turner, then of Humberstone Lodge. It replaced a two manual tracker action organ built by Nicholson of Worcester (now of Malvern) in 1858 which was sited in what is now St Mary's Side Chapel. The new organ was then at the forefront of organ technology allowing a detached electric console to be placed at the east end of the church whilst the pipes were housed in a magnificent new organ case beneath the tower at the west end of the church. Since 1929, two important electrical upgrades have taken place (mid 1960s and 2001) renewing and improving the wiring, with the 2001 upgrade changing the original piston system to 30 channel solid state \* *in memoriam Vera Aston*. Only 2 stops have been added to the original specification – Trumpet 8 (Great Organ 2001) and Mixture 2-4 ranks (Swell Organ 2019)

### Specification

#### Pedal Organ

- Resultant Bass (from no. 5) ... .. 32 ft
- Open Diapason (metal - case work) ... 16
- Octave (from no. 2) ... .. 8
- Fifteenth (from no. 2) ... .. 4
- Bourdon (wood) ... .. 16
- Quint (from no. 5) ... .. 10 2/3
- Flute (from no. 5) ... .. 8
- Recorder (from no. 5) ... .. 4
- Contra Oboe (from Swell) ... .. 16
- Trumpet (from Great) ... .. 8

## Great Organ

•	Lieblich Bourdon (T.C)	... ..	16 ft
•	Open Diapason No. 1	... ..	8
•	Open Diapason No. 2	... ..	8
•	Dulciana	... ..	8
•	Wald Flute	... ..	8
•	Lieblich Flute	... ..	4
•	Octave	... ..	4
•	Twelfth	... ..	2 2/3
•	Fifteenth	... ..	2
•	Trumpet (added 2001)	...	8 *in memoriam Vera Branston

## Swell Organ

•	Geigen	... ..	8 ft
•	Stopped Diapason	... ..	8
•	Viola da Gamba	... ..	8
•	Voix Celeste (T.C)	... ..	8
•	Gemshorn	... ..	4
•	Twelfth	... ..	2 2/3
•	Fifteenth	... ..	2
•	Mixture (2 – 4 ranks)	... ..	<i>In memoriam Janet Lees</i>
•	Contra Oboe	... ..	16
•	Oboe (from No. 9)	... ..	8

- Trumpet ... .. 8
- Tremulant

## Couplers

- Great to Pedal
- Swell to Pedal
- Swell to Great
- Swell Octave
- Swell Sub Octave
- Swell Unison Off
- Great Pistons to Pedal Pistons Coupled

## Accessories

- 6 Thumb Pistons to Great
- 6 Thumb Pistons to Swell
- 6 Toe Pistons to Pedal
- 6 General Pistons
- Reversible Pistons for Swell to Great, Great to Pedal

Swell Pedal and Swell Shutter integrated infinite gradation system (new)

Electrical and Solid State Upgrades by John Ramsbottom (Sonic Services)

Swell Mixture by Terry Shires (Shires Organ Pipes, Leeds) new

Installations, new sound boards (where necessary), swell shutter improvements, tuning, voicing and maintenance by Iain Harvey (Charles James Organs)

This revised specification was prepared by Timothy Lees (Organist - St Mary's since 2012) with the approval and assistance of the Vicar and PCC of St Mary's Church, Humberstone, and the support of many well-wishers.