

# West Sussex Organists' Association

## HELP WITH LEARNING TO PLAY THE ORGAN

We are keen to encourage people to learn to play the organ but we are also aware that there may be barriers to this. These might include lack of access to an instrument on which to practice, not knowing the contact details for suitable teachers or it may be that you simply don't where to start.

We can help with all this and, where necessary, put you in touch with people who will help you launch your organ-playing journey. With the right help you might find that playing the organ is not as difficult or complicated as it looks!

The first step is to tell us something about yourself by completing the details below. These will be confidential in accordance with our Data Protection Statement (available on our website). We will then arrange a preliminary meeting with one of our advisors so that you can 'have a go' on a pipe organ and find some answers to initial questions. We would then discuss the next step. There is no obligation or commitment at this stage. It might be that you want to take up formal lessons with a professional teacher, in which case we can suggest possibilities.

For students, the unwaged and others who find it difficult to meet the cost of lessons, we may be able to help: please ask for an application form. Any financial assistance would depend on your teacher confirming that you were doing the required amount of practice and making some measurable progress.

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### APPLICATION FORM

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current church connection (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of practice facilities. *Please let us know where you are able to practice. This might be your church instrument or an organ at home. How many manuals does it have and what kind of pedalboard?*

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Do you have any relevant practical qualifications (e.g. piano grades) or experience?

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If you have studied Theory of Music please give brief details:

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Please return the completed form by email to [stewart.m.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:stewart.m.taylor@btinternet.com) and we will be in touch.