



Smethwick Old Church  
*Festival 2018*

**Lunchtime Concert**

**Andrew Burling**  
**Organ**

Wednesday 6th June, 1.00 pm

Old Church Smethwick

free admission

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- *Aria Sebalдина (Hexachorum Apollinis)* Johann Pachelbel
- *Cantilena (Organ Sonata No 11 in D minor)* Josef Rheinberger
- *The Modal Trumpet* Frederick Karam
- *An Occasional Trumpet Voluntary* Patrick Gowers
- *Absoute and Toccata (Dix pièces, Nos 2 & 3)* Eugène Gigout

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Andrew studied music at *Birmingham Conservatoire*, where he was a student of Vocal and Operatic Studies and was awarded a Bachelor of Music degree with Honours. He also studied at the *Franz Liszt Hochschule für Musik* in Weimar, Germany. Andrew had to give up singing due to problems caused by laryngeal polyps and disphonia, which effectively ended a potential career as a baritone soloist.

Organ playing, however, was always his first love. Andrew has been Organist at a number of churches and Director of various choirs, and sang as a Lay Clerk in the Choirs of both Bristol and Birmingham Cathedrals, the latter for 15 years. Most recently he was Organist & Choirmaster at St Laurence in Northfield for 13 years. Andrew is currently the Organist at St Patrick's, Earlswood, taking the post on the Second Sunday of Easter 2017, a week after his last service at Smethwick Old Church.



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