*MUSIC AT WESLEY*

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Wesley Church Centre, St John St, Chester CH1 1DA

April 26th 2025, 12.45pm

GRAHAM ECCLES

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| Processional | William Matthias (1934 – 92) |
| Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’ | Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958) |
| Solemn Melody | H. Walford Davies (1869 – 1941) |
| Ciacona in F minor | Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706) |
| Pièce d’Orgue BWV 572 | J S Bach (1685 – 1750) |
| Hosanna | Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924) |
| Vocalise | Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)  arr. Patricia Bird |
| An Easter Alleluia | Enrico Bossi (1861 – 1925) |

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Graham Eccles

Graham Eccles first studied the organ at Worksop College in Nottinghamshire; during this time he gained his LTCL and ARCO diplomas.

He subsequently studied at the Royal Northern College of music in Manchester under Ronald Frost and was appointed Boddington Organ Scholar at St. Ann’s Church.  As well as graduating from the college with an upper division diploma he gained the diploma in professional performance and the Alice Shawcross prize in Church music.  He also achieved the ARCM and FRCO diplomas at this time.

For many years he was a regular organist for the BBC Daily Service on Radio 4 and he served as an examiner for the ABRSM for over a decade.

He has been Assistant Organist at Chester Cathedral and Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Asaph and Bangor Cathedrals.

From 2004, Graham became a freelance musician, teaching and performing locally.  He is a visiting tutor in organ at Bangor University, and has a long association conducting of Colwyn Bay Choral Society as well as St Asaph Choral Society as conductor and now as accompanist. He is in regular demand as an organ accompanist by many other choirs and Choral Societies of the North West and has been Organist at Birkenhead School for a number of years and is accompanist of Chester Music Society Choir.  He has played many times with the RLPO and Hallé orchestras.

*FUTURE ‘MUSIC AT WESLEY’ CONCERTS*

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series, 12.45pm, Retiring collection

April 29th: Chetham’s School of Music Pianists

May 6th: Andrea Kim (cello), Holly Calder (piano)

May 13th: Adam Davies (piano)

May 20th: Yutong Jiang (violin), Yifan Ma (piano)

May 27th: Rebekah Yinuo Tan (piano)

Saturday Lunchtime Organ Recitals, 12.45pm, Retiring collection

May 17th: Peter Cooke (St Francis, Chester)

June 21st: Paul Carr (Birmingham)

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