

# St Andrew's, Orwell Church Organ Appeal



## The Organ is in a bad way!

Its action is arthritic, its bellows are wheezing and many of its pipes are broken! It is such hard work to play that the organists are beginning to feel the same!

We all like to hear the organ for special events like weddings or funerals, but it can also support choral and other kinds of music, and it can be a focus for music making in Orwell.

To repair its 888 pipes, replace its worn out mechanisms, renew its leaking bellows and make it a really good resource for future generations will cost £60,000.

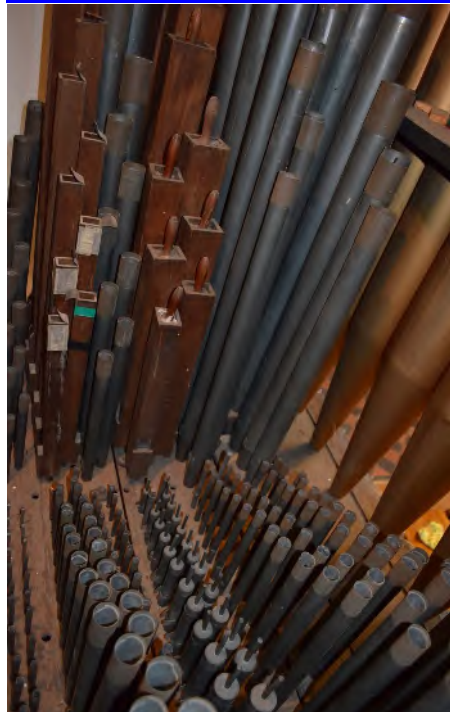
***Please help!***



## St Andrew's Orwell, Organ Restoration Appeal Patrons:

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*Please help to make this organ a fine resource for future generations in Orwell, an inspiration for new organists and an asset for South Cambridgeshire.*



*Some pipes are held together with tape.*

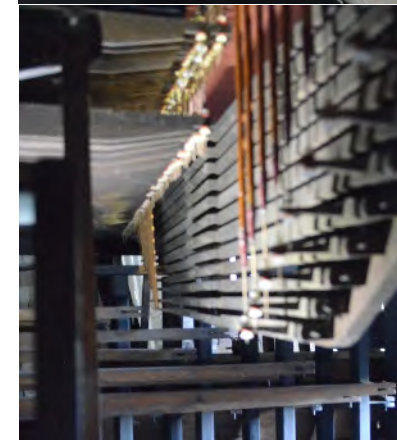
*Tuning slides are rusty.*

*Some pipes even rely on gaffer tape to tune them!*

*Many pipes are bent or dented or damaged in other ways.*



*The bellows has been patched in places, but further patching won't help, it has to be re-made at a cost of £5,000.*



*The complex system of rods and levers that make the organ work can't be adjusted. They need replacing to make maintenance easier.*

## Sponsor a pipe

The organ has 888 pipes ranging from 16 feet to 1½ inches. Sponsor the largest pipes for £200 and the smallest for £5 — or £150, £100, £50, £25, £15 or £10 for sizes between.

Your name will be recorded, or the name of the person for whom you would like to dedicate a pipe.

Write the name here and return this page with your donation. We will let you know which pipe is named for you.

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The organ was built in 1878 by the firm of T.S. Jones of Islington, for Baldock Methodist Church. Local organ builder, David Miller, assisted by members of the congregation, moved it to St Andrew's in 1988. They had to leave behind the huge Pedal pipes, but replaced them with smaller pipes, with the necessary mechanisms, taken from a different organ. The bellows leather was patched and worn parts were repaired, but the heart of the organ remained original.

During the last 33 years the pipes have been tuned regularly and dust has been cleaned from exposed surfaces, but now much of the organ is worn out and broken. Most of it has served for 143 years, and the second-hand electric components, already 30 years old when they were used in 1988, are now failing.

The bellows needs to be re-made with new leather. Broken pipes that are held together with sticky tape need to be repaired. The action connecting the keys to the pipes, was never very good and it will be better and cheaper to replace it with entirely new components. The soundboards, which are the heart of the organ's mechanism, need all the valves replacing and all the moving parts overhauling.

To achieve all this, the organ will be completely dismantled and taken to the organ builders' workshop for an estimated 8 months of work.

The up to date system that will operate the keyboard and stop mechanisms includes facilities to make the organ much easier to play and control which will be a great encouragement to future generations of organists.

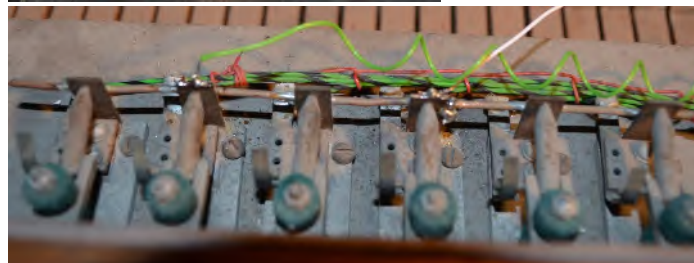
Every pipe organ is a unique hand crafted work of art which should be treasured. To ensure their future it is important that they are enjoyable to play and to listen to; not a chore for the organist nor a bore for the audience. This project will preserve the excellent qualities of this fine organ and make it a joy for many generations of organists and audience to come. It will be as though made new!



The Console

The "Swell" Keyboard  
The "Great" Keyboard  
The mechanism connecting the keys to the pipes needs replacing for both keyboards

The Pedalboard  
The pedals are connected to pipes using electric contacts, magnets and complicated switches— all of which need replacing



The switches for the pedal stops are corroded and the wiring in a poor state. Running repairs over the years have left a confusing tangle of wires. Many of the magnets controlling the pedal pipes are corroded and some have seized up.



Please detach and return this form with your donation to:

The Rectory, 8 Fisher's Lane, Orwell SG8 5QX

I enclose a donation of

£1,000.00  £500.00  £100.00   
£50.00  £10.00  other amount £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques made payable to:  
Orwell Parochial Church Council  
please write "Organ Appeal" on the back.

or by bank transfer to: Orwell Parochial Church Council  
sort code: 09-01-51 account number: 20038307  
reference: organ appeal

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