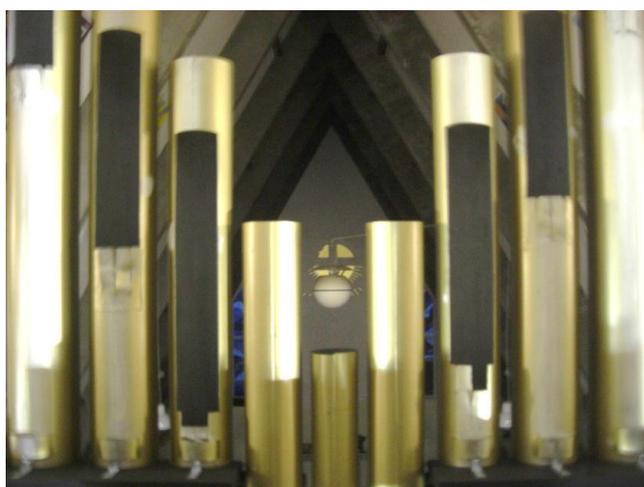


The Organ in St Nicholas' Church, Canvey Island

The Pipe Organ
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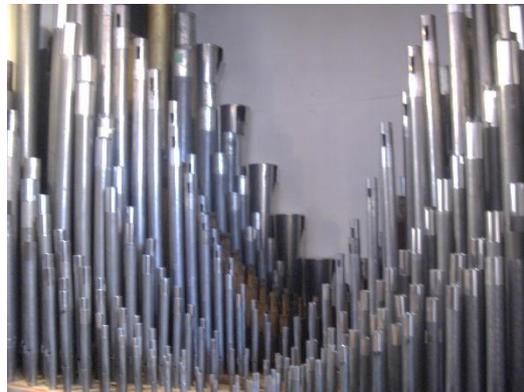
*In celebration of its
Restoration and Rebuilding
18th May 2014*



In The Cross of Christ I Glory

In 2000, three organ builders were approached. All three confirmed that the organ was worthy of restoration. The contract for rebuilding the organ was finally signed with FH Browne & Sons of Canterbury on 13th April 2012. The Organ was dismantled and transported to Canterbury on 3rd May that year. The fine instrument that we now see was re-installed in the four months between September and December 2013.

When the organ was dismantled in April 2012, six decorated pipes were found. They are featured on the front of this brochure. It is thought that these pipes date from an even older organ built around the year 1810 when they would have been at the front of an original organ – hence the decoration. These six pipes have now been reinstalled along with over a thousand other pipes which have been individually checked, cleaned and repaired where necessary.



We are grateful to David Sandercock who, having played the organ for many years, has studied its history.

F H Browne has done a wonderful job. The decision to make the case of oak to match the new oak balcony was the right one. The whole adds much to the interior decoration of the Church. The sound of the Pipe Organ has already enhanced a number of occasions on which people have gathered in joy or in sadness. Our hope is that it will continue to do so for very many years to come.

In 1982 the Pipe Organ was moved from St Peter's Church in Harold Wood to the west end gallery of St Nicholas' Church, Canvey Island. The organ replaced the original organ in St Nicholas which had been built by Augustus Cern and obtained second hand from Chalkwell Methodist Church in 1960 when St Nicholas was built. By 1980 this organ had become practically unplayable.

The newly transplanted Pipe Organ had been built in or around 1870 probably for a Church in Stratford, East London. It was subsequently rebuilt in 1950 by N P Manders for St Peter's, Harold Wood.

By 1990 the organ had become unreliable. This fulfilled warnings given eight years previously that the organ would need major attention if defects were not remedied when the organ was brought from Harold Wood.

In 1993 the Parish was given permission by the Diocese to purchase an electronic organ on the understanding that this would give the Parish time to raise the necessary funds to bring the Pipe Organ up to a decent standard. But in the 1990s the financial situation of the Parish was dire and the will was simply not there to embark on such a huge undertaking.

The Organ Fund was at last launched in January 2002 with a bequest of £4,000 from the will of Cecil Gouldson in memory of Cecil and his wife Flossie.

Specification

Great

Open Diapason	8
Stopped Diapason	4
Principal	4
Flute	4
Twelfth	2.2/3
Fifteenth	2
Mixture	III
Trumpet	8

Swell

Open Diapason	8
Gedact	8
Salicional	8
Gemshorn	4
Quartane	II
Contra Oboe	16 (extn)
Oboe	8
Swell Octave	

Pedal

Bourdon	16
Principal	8
Flute	8 (extn)
Quint	5.1/3 (ext)
Octave Flute	4 (extn)
Oboe	16 (Swell)

Couplers

Swell to Great
Swell to Pedal
Great to Pedal
Swell Octave to Great

An organ fund exists to ensure that the Organ is tuned professionally and maintained twice a year.

We are grateful to the many people who have contributed to the success of this restoration over the past 12 years. £78,000.00 has not been easy to come by. But it is good to know that we in our turn and in our generation are leaving something worthy behind for those who come after us to worship, to celebrate and to mourn.

David St.C.Tudor
Rector
18th May 2014