

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

September 2
St Peter, Ealing, W5 David Davis (speaker), Anthony Herschel Hill, 7

September 3
St Michael, Cornhill, EC3 Bernard Barker, 1

September 4
Enfield Parish Church Eric Pask, 8

September 5
Holy Sepulchre, Holborn, EC1 Mary Mee (soprano), John Mee, 1.15
East Dean Parish Church, Eastbourne Anthony Burns-Cox, 7.45
St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth Roger Sayer, 8
St Peter, Brighton Ian Curror, 8
Arundel Cathedral Norman Pope, 8

September 6
Westminster Abbey Jane Parker-Smith, 6.30

September 8
Halifax Parish Church John Sharples, 12
St James, Haslingdon Timothy Rishton, 7.30

Braintree Parish Church Adrian Gunning, 7.30
St Mary, Oxford Petronella Dittmer (violin), Richard Coulson (harpsichord), 8.15

September 9
St Peter, Ealing, W5 Martin Penny, 7

September 10
St Michael, Cornhill, EC3 Christopher Muhley, 1
Southwark Cathedral, SE1 Geoffrey Webber, 1.10
St Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds Arnold Mahon, 8

September 11
Leeds Town Hall Simon Lindley, 1
Leeds Parish Church Alan Horsey, 7.30
St Peter, Bournemouth Ian Curror, 8

September 12
St Olave, Hart Street, EC3 Garry Humphreys (baritone), Patricia Williams (piano), 1.05
St Peter, Bournemouth Cyril Knight, 1.15
Doncaster Parish Church Roger Fisher, 7.30
St Peter, Brighton John Winter, 8

Recital at church

THE rain-damaged organ at St James's Church, Haslingden, will be hiding its wounds tonight for a special recital.

The organ's repertoire has taken a cut since rain seeped in and caused extensive damage.

But Timothy Rishton of Edenfield, who is giving the recital, does not expect the damage to affect the performance. Bach and Others is the title of the event and proceeds will go towards the organ fund.

In the last two months Mr Rishton has also given recitals at St Giles', Cripplegate, in the City of London, and St Mary's, Tadley, Hants. He has also won the coveted organ-playing prize at the University of Reading, where he is a student.

Haslingden Parish Church

(ST JAMES)

ORGAN CONCERT

by

TIMOTHY RISHTON (Reading University)

Music by J S Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Karg-Elert
including Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER at 7 30 pm

ADMISSION FREE — Retiring collection for the Organ Fund

Rain gives church organ a 'croak'

A ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD four-manual concert organ, valued at over £50,000 and one of the finest in the Rossendale area, was badly damaged by rain leaking into St James's Church, Haslingden.

"It is very upsetting," the Rev Andrew Ballard, vicar, told the Free Press. "Fortunately it can still be used for ordinary services. It is the choir section of the organ which has suffered most and while our organist usually brings it into use during services he can use alternatives."

The damage was discovered by Mr John Cryer, organist when preparing for the Sunday service.

"We have not established yet how the water got in," Mr Ballard said.

The church has been undergoing repairs because of roof damage for some time.

Organ builders have been called into assess the extent of the damage and will make a report to the insurers.

"When repairs can start we don't know," Mr Ballard said. "We had been planning a programme of restoration for the organ but now it will be the choir section which will have to be done first."

The organ was built in 1878 by Henry Willis and remodelled and enlarged 50 years ago. It was overhauled in 1962 by a Liverpool firm and is now being maintained by a Manchester firm.

"The choir section is a very pleasant section of the organ," said Mr Ballard. "We have a recital booked for 8 September by an organ student from Reading University, Timothy Rishton. Fortunately his programme is one that can be accommodated on the rest of the organ."

Rossendale Organists' Association gives one recital a year on it and other well known organists have used it.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH
HASLINGDEN

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TIMOTHY RISHTON

8 SEPTEMBER 1979

7.30