*MUSIC AT WESLEY*

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Wesley Church Centre, St John St, Chester

June 21st 2025, 12.45pm

PAUL CARR

Pomp and Circumstance March No.4 Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major BWV 564 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dreams of Derry Paul Spicer (b.1952)

Fantasie in F minor Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Villanella John Ireland (1879-1962)

Variations de Concert Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)

*FUTURE ‘MUSIC AT WESLEY’ CONCERTS*

 Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series, 12.45pm, Retiring collection

June 24th: Lionel Clarke (cello), Brian Heald (piano)

 July 1st: Melvin Chan (piano)

 July 8th: Daniel Goharriz (clarinet), Lauren Turner (piano)

 July 15th: Amy Wakefield (piano)

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Paul Carr is based in Birmingham as an organist, recitalist, choral director, accompanist and teacher. He studied with Dr Roy Massey MBE at Hereford Cathedral and is a graduate of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, where he studied with Professor David Saint and was later awarded Honorary Membership.

He performs many organ concerts across the UK and has performed in Germany and France, including two recitals at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, and in the USA in Chicago, New York and Washington DC. As soloist and choral accompanist, he has toured with choirs across Europe. Paul’s monthly series *Sunday Afternoon Organ Music* at Holy Trinity Church Wordsley is now in its 22nd year and he is Artistic Director to the *Thursday Live* organ recital series in St Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham. Paul’s forthcoming engagements include recitals in Hereford Cathedral, Norwich Cathedral, Tewkesbury Abbey, churches in Cardiff, Whitchurch and Wombourne, an Organ Prom at Victoria Hall Hanley Stoke-on-Trent, and a three-recital tour of south-west Germany.

As liturgical organist Paul is Musician in Residence at Holy Trinity Wordsley, Associate Organist to St Chad’s Cathedral Birmingham and Organist to St Bartholomew’s Church Penn, Wolverhampton. He is Musical Director of Selly Park Singers and works frequently with The Open University, Birmingham Bach Choir, Priory Voices and education music-hubs across the West Midlands.

For thirteen years until 2016 Paul was Director of Music at St Paul’s in the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham. He was also President of Birmingham Organists’ Association, Vice Chair of Worcestershire Organists’ Association, and currently serves on the committee of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Association.

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