

ORGAN RECITAL
GIVEN BY
PROFESSOR DAVID BAKER
6 MARCH 2022
LONGRIDGE CHURCH
PROGRAMME

Toccata and Fugue in D minor (BWV 565)	JS Bach
Berceuse	Louis Vierne
The Organist's Country Garden	Andrew Wright
Toccatina for the Flutes	Pietro Yon
A Festival March	John Varley Roberts
Voluntary in F minor/major	Theophania Cecil
Saints on a Spree	Nigel Ogden
Psalm Prelude Set 1 number 2	Herbert Howells
(But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace)	
Sortie in E flat Major	Louis Lefébure-Wély

Professor David Baker

David Baker was born in Bradford, West Yorkshire. His first love was the church organ, which he began playing aged 12. At 16, he was an Associate of the Royal College of Organists. He gained his Fellowship the following year. In 1970, he became Organ Scholar of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, graduating with a First Class Honours degree in Music three years' later. He took an MMus degree from King's College, London in 1974. He also holds two further master's degrees and a PhD. David was Principal of Plymouth Marjon University until 2009 when he moved back to Yorkshire.

He has undertaken recital tours to Germany, Italy and Scandinavia and has performed the entire organ works of J S Bach in 26 recitals – a feat he plans to repeat to celebrate his 70th birthday in 2022! He performs as organ soloist and accompanist throughout the UK. David also now focuses on teaching the organ and in 2011 founded the Halifax Organ Academy (now the Halifax Organ and Choral Academy), which aims to offer high quality tuition and support to organists of all ages and backgrounds in the north of England.

He is currently researching a monograph on John Varley Roberts (1841-1920) a former Organist of Halifax and Choirmaster. He edited and published all of Roberts' organ music for publication to commemorate the 100th anniversary of JVR's death. He has also remained active as musicologist, with his book *The Organ* (Osprey/Shire) selling over 15,000 copies. He is a regular author, editor, and reviewer with major organological journals.