

ORGAN AND CELLO CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 11 February at 4 p.m.

The first concert on the 18th-century Robert and William Gray organ at Holy Cross was a resounding success. John Wellingham played to a full house, demonstrating the beauty, intimacy, range and charming character of the historic instrument. On February 11th, Andrew Daldorph and Hilary Boxer will play a programme of music for cello and organ, which will include a Bach Viola da Gamba sonata and a Vivaldi cello sonata. In the eighteenth century, sonatas were often written with a keyboard accompaniment which might have been played either on a harpsichord or organ. The mechanical-action chamber organ at Holy Cross will be an ideal, but rarely heard, accompaniment to these delightful pieces. Andrew and Hilary will also play some solo pieces for organ and cello.

Hilary trained at the Guildhall School of music, worked freelance with London and Scottish orchestras and, since moving to the South West, has played frequently as a professional chamber musician and orchestral player. She has founded, managed and promoted many different chamber ensembles and performances, including Trio Exe, Cellos4 and her duo with classical guitarist David Cottam.

Andrew studied music at Southampton University. He then took up the post of Organ Scholar at Guildford Cathedral under Andrew Millington and subsequently gained Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists. He frequently gives recitals and has played for services and concerts in cathedrals and concert halls throughout the country. He is the conductor of both the Exeter Chamber Choir and the East Devon Choral Society.

Space is limited at Holy Cross. To be sure of a seat, please apply for a ticket in advance. Tickets (free) are available through the events page of the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstopsham.org) or by phoning me on 01392 877071 or 07791 693603. There will be a retiring collection to cover the costs of the concert, and to raise money for Estuary League of Friends and Water Aid. The concert will be followed by refreshments (mulled wine and cake!), weather permitting.

Frances Nieduszynska