

## St Mary Redcliffe

# **James Mitchell**

(Gloucester Cathedral)

Thursday 24 November 2022 1.00-1.50 pm James Mitchell is the first Sub-Organist at Gloucester Cathedral. In this role, he accompanies several services each week, as well as for many special services. He is also Director of the Cathedral Middle Choir, which has significantly expanded across the past year and who regularly sing with the other cathedral choirs for major cathedral concerts, one recent highlight being in Mahler's Symphony No. 8 as part of the Cheltenham Festival of Music.

Hailing from Crediton in Devon, he has just completed an MPhil in Musicology at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, having graduated with a Double First from Girton College, Cambridge. As organ scholar at Girton, he accompanied the choir on tours to Israel, Singapore and Italy alongside various UK cathedrals, as well as for two CD recordings and broadcasts on BBC Radio 4 and Cam FM. He has previously held organ scholarships at Ely and Manchester cathedrals. As an organist, he also performed as part of the student showcase for the 2021 RCO Winter Conference.

He has a particular interest in new music and bringing the organ to a wider audience. He has previously collaborated with the composer and youtuber David Bruce as part of his '5 Composers 1 Theme' series, where five composers of varying musical styles were commissioned to write one minute's worth of organ music. Currently, the video has nearly 70,000 views on youtube, and the pieces have been taken up by international concert organists. He is currently also writing a book on composing for organ, due to be published by Oxford University Press in 2023."

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## Thursday 24 November at 1pm

Felix Mendelssohn - Sonata No. 6

Hubert Parry - Rockingham (no. 2 from Chorale Preludes Set I)

Leo Sowerby - Prelude on Were You There (no. 8 from 10 Preludes on Hymn Tunes)

Iain Farrington - When I Lay My Burden Down (no. 1 from Lay My Burden Down)

William Bolcom - Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (no. 10 from Gospel

Preludes)

Adolphus Hailstork - Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Thomas Kerr - Anguished American Easter, 1968

Applause is encouraged at the end of the concert please, rather than between each item.

We ask that no recordings are made of the concert, unless authorised by the performer and church authorities. Thank you.

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Today's Concert is the last in the Autumn Series.

The next organ concert is on Thursday 2 Feb 2023 with James Hicks (USA)

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