

# Gordon Stewart

## Organ Concert

St Mary's, Wellingborough

14 April 2018

Overture <i>The Occasional Oratorio</i> <i>Andante maestoso - Allegro - Adagio - March</i>	<i>G F Handel (1685 – 1759) arr W T Best</i>
Concerto <i>The Cuckoo and the Nightingale</i> <i>Larghetto – Allegro</i>	<i>G F Handel (1685 – 1759) arr M Dupré</i>
March from <i>Scipio</i>	<i>G F Handel (1685 – 1759) arr F C Woods</i>
Arioso	<i>J S Bach (1685 – 1750) arr E Power Biggs</i>
Scherzando	<i>J Haydn (1732 – 1809) arr H Wall</i>
Prelude and Fugue in C Minor	<i>F Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)</i>
Serenade	<i>D Bourgeois (1941 – 2017)</i>
Toccatà di Concerto	<i>E Bossi (1861 – 1925)</i>

Gordon Stewart was born in Scotland and after studies in Manchester and Geneva with Gillian Weir, Eric Chadwick and Lionel Rogg, he was for 15 years a cathedral organist, first in Manchester then in Blackburn. For 28 years he has been Borough Organist of Kirklees where he plays regular concerts on the 1860 Father Willis organ in Huddersfield Town Hall.

He has recorded on organs in the UK and in South Africa on the Priory, Dolcan and Lammas labels and has played concertos with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, the Northern Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of Opera North and Orchestra Victoria. For over 20 years he broadcast regularly as organist and conductor on BBC radio and television, chiefly as a musical director on *Daily Service*, *Sunday Half Hour* and *Songs of Praise*.

Gordon's repertoire is large and covers all the major schools of organ composition. He is well-known as a teacher and after several years as Senior Organ Tutor at the Royal Northern College of Music, was for eight years one of the organ teachers at Cambridge University, teaching the organ scholars at, amongst others, King's, St John's and Jesus Colleges. He has appeared as visiting tutor at courses for the Royal College of Organists, Oundle Organ Week, Gothenburg Organ Academy and Shenandoah Church Music Institute in Virginia.

Gordon has played concerts throughout the UK including Celebrity Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and Symphony Hall, Birmingham, throughout Europe, and in the United States, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.