

## Church History Timeline Selected for Organ References.

Year	Date	Source	Organ Notes
1837	10/10/1837	Brief History & 1992 Recitals Programme	Organ was built by Messrs Hill & Co of London. (For £540 according to the 1992 Organ Recitals Programme.)
1837	to 1840	J. K. Cavell & Organ History	The organ was built in the rear gallery with choir robing rooms on each side in the porch rooms where it remained for 35 years.
1840	21/01/1840 22/01/1840	Vestry Meeting & J K Cavell & Brief History	It was played for the consecration by Mr George Washbourn Morgan from Gloucester, first organist (later he moved to Cheltenham) and the organ was reported as "one of the finest in this part of the country".
1875	15/04/1875	Vestry Meeting & 1992 Recitals Programme	A Faculty was obtained to move the organ. (Because the choir were now sited in the chancel ref 1992 Recitals Programme as shown on the "Plan of sittings")
1876		J K Cavell & Organ History	Organ was moved into the North Transept and rebuilt but not altered as noted in the Organ History of 1953, contrary to current belief.
1880	30/03/1880	Vestry Meeting & Brief History	Organist Mr. Henry Rogers in post in the early 1880s, it is not known if he directly succeeded Mr Morgan.
1894	06/10/1894	Church Council	Organ described as in need of repair by Canon Childe and a quote received for a "new" organ using existing wooden pipes with scope for later additions for £720 from Messrs Hunter & Son of Clapham.
1895	29/09/1895	Organ History & 1992 Recital Programme	The new organ was dedicated and was complete to include the missing pipes at a cost of £1100. (Now as a three manual of 38 stops instrument ref the 1992 Recital Programme)
1895		Brief History & J K Cavell	Organ was rebuilt with three manuals and fitted with hydraulic engines at a cost of £1157.
1896	or 1897		Organist Mr Rogers resigned and was succeeded by Mr. J. Charles Long F.R.C.O.O. a choir boy of the church.
1903	15/04/1903	Church Council & Organ History	Mr. J Charles Long moved to Greys Inn, London and was succeeded by Mr/Dr. R.H. Bellairs.
1908	?	Brief History & Organ History.	Messrs Hunters advised that an electric blower should be fitted for £210 but the council decided that the hydraulic cylinders/pumps of the organ were to be enlarged at a cost of £12.
1910		Organ History	The congregation complained of "shrieks from the organ", but nothing was done.
1911	to 1919	Brief History & Organ History.	The organ was renovated and cleaned for £50. (An American organ was bought for £18 and given to St Mark's in 1955)
1913	21/06/1913	Brief History & Organ History.	"Organ now 17 years old and badly in need of an overhaul." Council agreed to ordinary repairs without improvements to be done by Messrs Price and Son for £50. Blower discussed but again rejected.
1914	?	Brief History & Organ History.	Dr Bellairs asked for an electric blower at a cost of £250 and despite proving savings in running costs this was again rejected. (War time restraint maybe)
1923		Brief History & Organ History.	Mr. Jeremy Thomas organist, asked for an electric blower.

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<b>1923</b>		Brief History	An electric motor driven blower was fitted to the organ for £189.16s.
<b>1946</b>		Organ History	Estimate received from Messrs Walkers at £615 for a full overhaul but the council reduced this to £511 to include new concave radial pedal board, balanced swell pedal and revoicing the pedal trombone.
<b>1953</b>		Organ History	An organ fund was started (by the new Vicar), due to "inadequate attention to a fine instrument".
<b>1955</b>		J K Cavell	Organ rebuilt by Nicholsons including a detached console and casing treated to match the new chapel at a cost of £5000.
<b>1956</b>	06/09/1956	Nicholson Spec. & Estimate	Recommendation by Nicholsons to modernise the motor, starter and switch for the organ blower for £98 10s.
<b>1956</b>	04/12/1956	Nicholson Spec. & Estimate	Nicholsons offered to clean and overhaul the organ to replace the tubular pneumatic action with a new electric action using an entirely new console at a cost of £5000.
<b>1970</b>	to 1979	Organ Recitals Programme	Radical changes were made to the stops by John Beck organist, ex church choir boy & later incumbent of Cirencester Parish Church.
<b>1986</b>	27/06/1986	Rushworth & Dreaper Report	Inspection by Mr R.A. Barker (R & D) found need for repairs to the wind reservoirs, fit a new piston capture system and repair the "solo" soundboard for about £25,000.
<b>1987</b>		Stephen Thistleton	Ian Higginson (organist) told Stephen Thistleton that "the following day" work was starting on fitting the electronic capture system (for controlling combinations) at a cost of £30,000.
<b>1994</b>	21/11/1994	Paul Derrett's Report	PCC were advised by Paul Derrett (organist) of the potential to install some spare pipes he had rescued to give three new stops - Oboe 8, Flute Celeste 8 and Open Diapason 8 for about £4500. - Believed not to have been done but may have been started.
<b>2015</b>	<b>TODAY</b>		Organ is in need of major electrical update to provide a moveable consol to facilitate re-ordering.