

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FLOWER ARRANGERS' ASSOCIATION [CEFAA]

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FUNDRAISING FOR THE PIPE ORGAN AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

I write as the Chair of the London branch of the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association (CEFAA) and as a regular member of St John the Baptist Church for over 25 years.

Music and flowers form an integral part of worship at St John the Baptist church. The church is a recognized place of community significance in Barnet and CEFAA has a strong presence here. In addition to arranging flowers for Sunday worship and other occasions, CEFAA holds monthly meetings, coffee mornings, floral demonstrations, workshops and flower festivals at the Church, bringing local communities together for fellowship, faith, friendship and developing new skills. We contribute in a limited way to fundraising through these various activities.

St John the Baptist church has a longstanding tradition of providing excellent choral and instrumental music and the training of choristers and organ scholars. The theme of our last Flower Festival was 'Musicals' and music added the ambience to the beautiful flower arrangements by our members from churches across London. A well-functioning organ will contribute greatly to the usability of the space for concerts and festivals and other community events in the future.

The organ which has served us well for many years now requires extensive restorative work. I wholeheartedly support the church's fundraising endeavors for the restoration of the pipe organ so that it can continue to support activities that will benefit communities in Barnet.

Valsa Kurien.

Chair CEFAA London Branch