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To whom it may concern

St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet

This church lies physically at the heart of High Barnet, and culturally at its heart as well. With its own long-established and widely-recognised choral tradition, it has long been one of two 'civic' churches in the Borough of Barnet where events to mark national occasions are held, and where a full programme of local events, concerts and services all depend on the musical lead provided by its organ.

The church is frequently filled by scholars from the nearby Boys' and the Girls' schools; by young people from the Further Education College adjacent, and by local people particularly at Remembrance time. Recently, organ scholars from Queen Elizabeth's School for Boys have joined the range of people dependent on the organ.

The congregation and other local friends will all work hard to raise the necessary funds to have the organ refurbished to satisfy the exacting requirements of modern sophisticated recording and transmission technology.

However, any financial assistance or other help you may be able to provide to assist the critical work proceed according to plan and timetable will be deeply appreciated. Fortunately organ repairs tend to be 'once in a lifetime' projects, and other climatic conditions in the church favour the longevity of this particular project.

Please join me in playing your part to help this church continue to serve the musical needs of the immediate vicinity, and to support those from farther afield who see St John the Baptist church as a centre of musical excellence.

Yours sincerely

Martin Russell