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To Whom It May Concern:

I write as Artistic Director of the High Barnet Chamber Music Festival to support the fundraising campaign for organ restoration at St John the Baptist's Church.

It has been a delight for us to bring some of the country's best early-career artists to St John's over the past several years. The church is a gorgeous space, wonderfully located in the heart of the community, and makes for an inspiring venue for performers and audiences alike.

Sadly the current state of the organ severely limits the scope of activities: from our perspective concerts using the organ, either solo or accompanied, are currently wholly unfeasible, a great shame given the context. A restoration would thus significantly increase the cultural possibilities of the space and confirm its status as the pre-eminent venue in the area.

Best wishes,

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