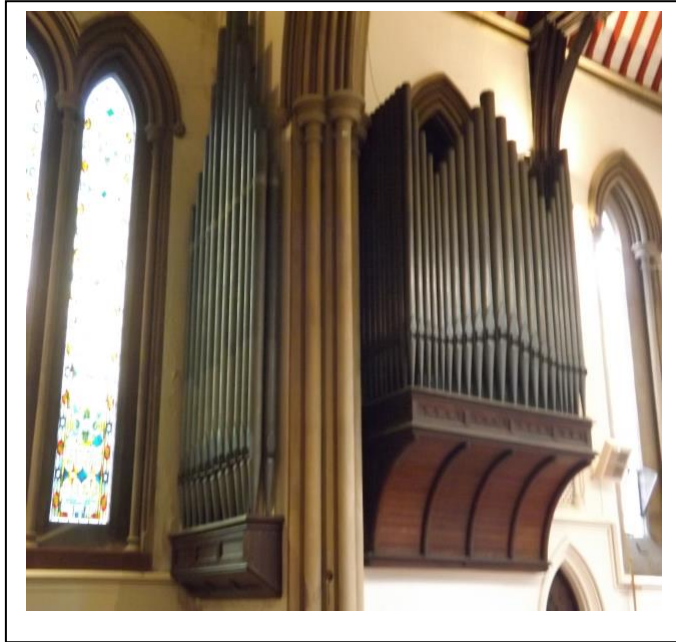


St. John The Baptist Church, Bridgwater TA6 5BA (vicarage)



Specification:

Ped. EP action 30 keys

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| 1 Violone | 16 |
| 2 Bourdon | 16 |
| 3 Violincello | 8 |

Swell EP 56 keys **Great** EP 56 keys

Violin Dia.	8	Open Diapason	8
Salicional	8	St. Diapason	8
Voix Celestes	8	Dulciana	8
Gemshorn	4	Principal	4
Fifteenth	2	Wald Flute	4
Cornopean	8	Block Flute	2
Oboe	8	Mixture	II
Tremulant		Trumpet	8

Usual couplers, incl. Sub and Super on Swell, and on Swell to Great.

The organ was built in 1886, though it is thought to contain pipework from an organ by Bates dated 1848.

Osmonds did some work between the wars, and Percy Daniel last renovated the organ in 1981. Michael Farley currently looks after the instrument.

The mixture was originally 3 ranks, but a previous organist removed a rank – presumably the 17th. What happened to the pipes is unknown.

The stoptab console seems dated now – just a few foot pistons which only function intermittently. A few pipes don't sound, but overall, there is lots of variety, with some real power in the reeds. The full length violone is quite a surprise in an organ of this size, and it copes well with a variety of music. The church acoustic is favourable.

Worth a visit!

Arrangements to play the organ may be made through the vicar, The Rev. Lis. Sparrow, who may be contacted on 01278 422450.