

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# LUNCHTIME RECITAL

FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

Christopher Allsop - Organ



# PROGRAMME

Howells – Rhapsody no. 3 in C-sharp minor  
Bach – Fugue in Eb, BWV 552b  
Bridge – Adagio in E  
Shostakovich – Passacaglia  
Sibelius – Finlandia

Christopher Allsop is currently Assistant Director of Music at The King's School, Worcester, and will be moving to Eton College in January 2023 as Organist and Academic Music Teacher. He was born and educated in London and held organ scholarships at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and Trinity College, Cambridge. After a year at Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, Christopher moved to Birmingham as Assistant Organist of the Cathedral. He founded the New Birmingham Scholars chamber choir, taught at Birmingham Conservatoire, and played for choirs including Ex Cathedra and Birmingham Bach Choir. In 2004 Christopher took up the post of Assistant Organist at Worcester Cathedral and Music Teacher at The King's School, also directing the boys and men of the cathedral's Voluntary Choir. He went on to become the full-time Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral in 2012, directing the girl choristers, accompanying the Cathedral Choir, and was organist for five Worcester Three Choirs Festivals. He was also Assistant Conductor and Répétiteur for Worcester Festival Choral Society, serving as the Society's Music Director for the 2018-2019 season. Christopher returned to The King's School in 2018 as Assistant Director of Music, where he teaches curricular music, organ and piano and runs choirs and ensembles. Christopher is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and his most recent solo organ recording, 'Worcester Spectacular!', was released on the Priority label in late 2018.

The next recital is on Friday 2 September - David Cook  
(organ)