

## JOHN ARKELL

John Arkell was Organ Scholar of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick and the University of Warwick where he read for a joint degree in Music and English.

He has subsequently taught music in several independent schools and has been Head of Academic Music and Organist at Oundle School since 1997. John holds Fellowship diplomas in organ performance from the Royal College of Organists, Trinity College London and London College of Music. In 2000, John was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and in October 2009, he received a Fellowship of the Guild of Musicians and Singers for his work in choral music. On sabbatical in 2006 he was appointed Fellow Commoner at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge where he was studying for an MPhil research degree.

As an academic musician, John is currently the Chief Examiner at GCSE level and the Principal Examiner for music at A level. He acts as an Associate Consultant in music for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and Ofqual. He is also a course lecturer for Keynote Educational.

Over the years, he has written a number of books and his latest set of textbooks for GCSE Music has been published. He has also written a series of analyses of musical works for BBC3 in conjunction with their long running "Discovering Music" programme.

John has also served as Chairman of the Academic Sub-Committee and University Liaison Committee of the Music Master and Mistresses Association.

Oundle & District Choral Society has been fortunate to have John as Conductor since 2003. We work towards two concerts per year (Spring and Autumn) and have been able sometime to perform with Oundle School in Peterborough Cathedral as well as local venues.

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