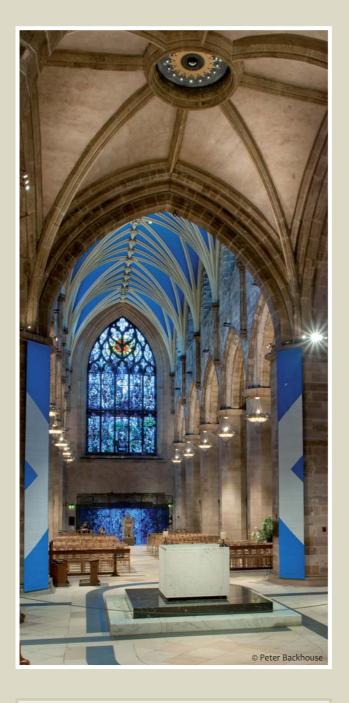


Above: the console of the famous Rieger organ at St Giles'

Below: the Choir of St Giles'





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Supporting the rich musical life of Edinburgh's High Kirk



#### About The Friends of the Music of St Giles'

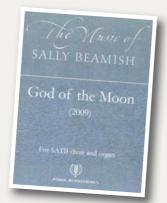
Every week, the Cathedral resonates with wonderful music that enhances and enriches its life within and outwith worship. Its outstanding choir sings at many services throughout the year, it benefits from a very fine Rieger organ and St Giles' hosts many musical groups from far and near – choirs, orchestras and other instrumental ensembles – in the weekly St Giles' at Six series, at informal lunchtime concerts and during the Edinburgh Festival.

The Friends of the Music was founded in 2007 by a group of people committed to ensuring that its musical life continues to flourish. Since then, they have been able to contribute in a number of different ways.

#### Ongoing commitments:

- supporting organ recitals
- helping to pay for instrumental players for special services
- sponsoring the commission of new music for the Cathedral Choir and organ
- funding very successful CD recordings by the choir and organists

'God of the Moon' by Sally Beamish was commissioned in 2009 by the Friends of the Music. It was premiered in St Giles' Cathedral and the recording by the Cathedral Choir has been played on Radio 3.



One-off or occasional projects have included:

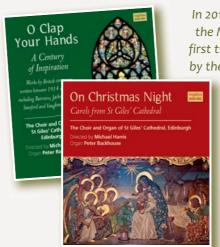
- running workshops with school musicians
- enabling the purchase of a flexible staging system for concerts and special services
- acquiring the Steinway grand piano and restoring the harpsichord, thus helping to enhance the instrumental resources in the cathedral

We would like to be able to do more.

## How can I help?

If you enjoy the musical life of St Giles' Cathedral, and would like to support it, then you can help by becoming a Friend of the Music. Friends receive a quarterly newsletter, attend talks, an annual concert and reception, and receive discounted tickets to all sponsored events.

By becoming a Friend you will help to develop and promote music in St Giles' and will be making a vital investment in its future.



In 2014, the Friends of the Music funded the first two CDs recorded by the Cathedral Choir

> on St Giles' very own label, Aegidius

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I would like to become a Life Member (£250)*
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