

New Organist & Master of the Choristers

The Dean and Chapter of St Davids Cathedral is delighted to announce that Oliver



Waterer, Assistant Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral, has been appointed to the post of Organist and Master of the Choristers in succession to Daniel Cook, who takes up the position of Sub-Organist at Westminster Abbey in September.

Oliver studied the organ with Andrew Malcolm at Saffron Walden Parish Church in Essex before becoming a student at Birmingham Conservatoire studying principally with David Saint. While in Birmingham he was Organ Scholar at both

the Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals in the city and was accompanist to the Conservatoire Chamber Choir. He graduated in 2001 winning the John Campbell Keyboard prize.

Oliver spent the following year as Organ Scholar at Guildford Cathedral working with Stephen Farr and Geoffrey Morgan. In 2002 he became Assistant Organist at Peterborough Cathedral where he accompanied the daily services on the renowned Hill organ and played for several foreign tours and BBC broadcasts.

In 2008 he was appointed Sub Organist to Her Majesty's Chapels Royal at St James's Palace, Westminster. In this role he played at numerous royal events and ceremonies including the annual Royal Maundy Service and the Royal Household Carol Concert at Buckingham Palace which was recorded and broadcast by Classic FM. While living in London he taught at the London Oratory School and held posts at Hampstead Parish Church and Willington School in Wimbledon.

In his current role, as Assistant Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral, Oliver is the principal organist at the daily choral services and directs the Cathedral Girls' Choir. He spent four months as Acting Director of Music at the cathedral in 2012. He was accompanist and deputy director to the Chelmsford Singers, a prominent choral society in the city from 2009 to 2012. As a recitalist Oliver has performed at many British churches and cathedrals including Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Recent years have also included performances in France, Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands.

On his appointment Oliver said: *'I am thrilled to have been appointed the next Organist & Master of the Choristers at St Davids Cathedral. It will be a great privilege to take on this role in such a talented community, and I am enormously excited to have been given responsibility for sustaining and developing the cathedral's already outstanding musical tradition.'*