

Robert first learned to play the piano from the age of 12 with the encouragement of his mother. While he was studying at the Ipswich Civic College, he met June Teape. She was a lecturer there and she influenced him to become organist at Ipswich Unitarian Meeting House which commenced on March 17th 1974.

In 1989, he did a 24hr marathon recital in aid of raising funds for the treatment of deathwatch beetle. He has been involved in several concerts to raise money for the Meeting House and other nominated charities over the years.

In May, Robert will be the next President of the Suffolk Organists' Association of which he has been a member and a member of Council for many years and he has arranged an ambitious programme of events for his presidential year.

Brave Futures thanks Robert for his support for their charity.

Voluntary donations can be made by card or cash.

Brave Futures is a specialist support service for children and young people up to the age of 18 years who have experienced sexual abuse. The charity works throughout Suffolk and Norfolk to provide a safe place for children and young people to understand and make sense of the confusion they feel that results from sexual abuse. ***Brave Future's*** support gives children and young people the skills and tools they need to re-build their futures, manage the trauma they have experienced, and identify their strengths and potential to help them move from victim to survivor.

Ipswich Unitarian Meeting House

Saturday 16 March 2024 7pm

Celebrating
Robert Waller's 50 years
as Organist



PROGRAMME

Andrew Garfath–Cox

- Intermezzo* Pietro Mascagni (1863 – 1945)
Nimrod Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)
Elegy Paul Fey (1998 –)
Oblivion Astor Piazzolla (1921 – 1992)
Paeon Donald Cashmore (1926 – 2013)

Rev. Matthew Smith

- Les Misérables 'Stars'*
Claude-Michel Schonberg (1944 -)
The Impossible Dream M Leigh/J Darion
Yeoman of the Guard: Is life a boon ?
Gilbert and Sullivan

Robert Waller

- Intrada* Grayston Ives (1948–)
Elegy George Thalben-Ball (1896 –1987)
Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley (1712 – 1786)
Cantabile No 2 Enrico Pasini (1935 – 2022)
'Jupiter' Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934)
Gaudeamus Sidney Campbell (1909 – 1974)

All the members of the congregation of the Meeting House wish to express their gratitude and thanks to Robert for his dedication over the years, his generosity and outstanding musicianship.

Please join us now for refreshments and we thank you for support of the charity *Brave Futures*.