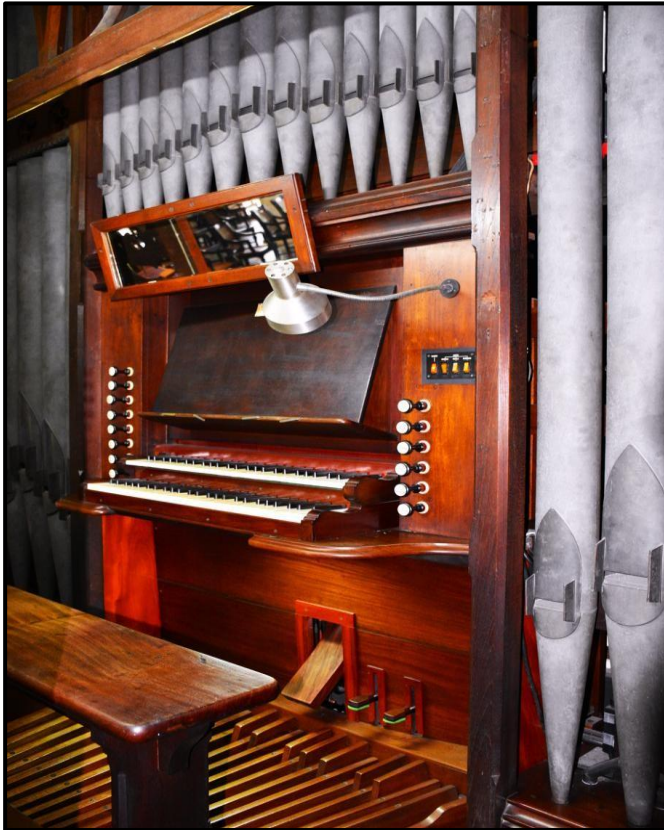




A Celebration of Pipe Organ Music at Christ Church Bangkok



**25 July 2026 – 5:00 pm
Christ Church Bangkok**

11 Convent Road, Silom, Bangkok

Welcome

Okey Okafor

"Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Tribute in A major
Yiannis Chryssomallis (1997)

Fanfare in D major
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Matt Balaban

Benediction
June Nixon (1992)

Prelude and Fugue in F major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation
César Franck (1862)

Symphony No. 5, Mvmt. III
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Ashley Moyles

Requiem, Pie Jesu
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

And Can it Be (Sagina)
Thomas Campbell (1825-76)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

Closing remarks



Matthew Balaban

Matt graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania (USA) in 2010 with a dual BA/BS degree, majoring in both neuroscience and music. Matt has performed in the US, Africa, Middle East, Bangladesh and Thailand – including as a musician at Christ Church Bangkok in 2022-2023. He is a teacher of mathematics, and he is the director of music at Wyoming Presbyterian Church in Millburn, New Jersey, USA. He is also a philosophy student at the University of Edinburgh and is pursuing a master's degree in ethics, epistemology and mind.



Okey Okafor

Okey's primary musical tutelage began with his father – Late Sir. Gibson Okafor – an organist and composer. While studying for his Bachelor's degree, he was given the opportunity to be the organist of Cathedral Church of St. Faith, Awka, Nigeria, where his first pipe organ experience began. He took part in the organ master classes of the late Kayode Oni, Dr. Carol Williams and Diane Bish.

He moved to Thailand in 2013, where he obtained his MBA from Stamford International University Bangkok.

Okey is currently the International Coordinator of Christ Church Bangkok, as well as the organist.



Ashley Moyles

Ashley has been in Bangkok for ten years and has enjoyed performing with the Bangkok Music Society, Calliope Choir, at the Grand Palace, and a variety of memorable venues.

A graduate of York University's (Toronto) Music Department and the University of Wollongong's Graduate Education Program, she has been working with young children for nearly twenty years and is delighted to be performing at Christchurch once again!

You can see her next performance with BMS as Carmen in a tribute to Georges Bizet in September!

Acknowledgements

All donations from today's concert will go to support Noh Bo Academy, a school for Karen refugees near Mae La Camp along the Thai-Myanmar border. Christ Church has been supporting the school for over 30 years.

Thanks to the Parish Church Council for their support for today's programme, and to Ophat Ophat (Opas), Sukwa Lache (Believe), Sorathorn Benarlew (Love) and Krisna Krisnarach (Kris) for their assistance with set-up and sound and Suwin Sutchawipan (The page turner).

The Christ Church Pipe Organ

The formal establishment of Christ Church at Convent Road is aligned to the Royal Gift of 1904, by His Majesty King Chulalongkorn, Rama V, of land on which a church was built "for all Protestants at present days and future."

Christ Church's pipe organ remains the only pipe organ in Thailand. It was built in 1904 by Henry Willis and Co, London, England. It was first tried out by the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and then shipped to Thailand. After arriving in Bangkok, it was installed at Christ Church by FG Barr of Kuala Lumpur, where another Willis organ was placed at St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral in 1898.

From 1975-1977, it was rebuilt by Peter Scott and Henry Willis IV. It was repaired again in 1995 after major flooding in the church by the then Director of Music, Graham Taylor. Additional restorations occurred in 2012 and 2016.

The organ has tracker action throughout, mechanical draw stop action, a balanced Swell pedal, and two combination pedals to Great.

About Noh Bo Academy

Christ Church Bangkok has been coordinating emergency supplies and financial support for Karen refugees along the Thai-Myanmar border since 1984. This includes three nursery schools inside the Mae La Camp and an orphanage. Christ Church also supports the Noh Bo Academy, half an hour north of the camp, which provides secondary education for over 200 students, many who are from the camp. In addition to funding the school, Christ Church engages volunteer teachers. Please see: <https://www.christchurchbangkok.org/karen-outreach>

About Christ Church Bangkok

Christ Church Bangkok strives to be a welcoming, Bible-based community which demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ.

Communion services are held on Sundays at 7:30 am (traditional) and 10:00 am (contemporary). A Thai congregation has their service at 1:30pm (contemporary).

Please see <https://christchurchbangkok.org/> for more information, and feel free to contact office@christchurchbangkok.org with questions.