# **Barber Organ Scholarship (2024-25)**

### **Background to the award**

The Barber Organ Scholarship was founded in 1978 by the Barber Trust. Thanks to additional and generous financial assistance from St Mary’s, Nottingham, its present value is £1250 per annum plus a programme of coaching on all aspects of accompaniment with both the Director of Music at St Mary’s and with Jeffrey Makinson on the magnificent Willis organ in Lincoln Minster.

The Scholarship is awarded annually, following auditions.

### **Conditions of the award**

1. The Scholar must be reading for a first degree or a postgraduate degree, diploma, or certificate at the University of Nottingham. Preference may be given to a student taking a course in Music.

2. The Scholarship will be awarded for one year in the first instance, but may be renewed where appropriate.

3. The duties of the Scholar will be agreed between the Department of Music and the Director of Music at St Mary’s. The Scholar will be required to attend and accompany Friday evening rehearsals at St Mary’s and play for Sunday morning services during term time, with occasional exceptions (e.g. a mid-week High Day or a Sunday evening). The Scholar may also be required to undertake ad hoc musical duties on campus in conjunction with the Department of Music and University Chaplaincy, provided such additional duties do not interfere with the Scholar’s academic work.

### **Applying for the award**

### Applicants should send a brief CV outlining their performing and accompanying experience to Dr Henry Parkes, Department of Music (henry.parkes@nottingham.ac.uk) **by no later than 12 January 2024**. Auditions will be held later in January or early February.

### Informal enquiries are welcomed at any time of year. Provided sufficient notice, applicants may be permitted to try out the organs (at the University of Nottingham and at St Mary’s Church) on University Open Days or Offer Holder Days.