

## Divine Harmony

St. Mary's Church hosted a concert of Baroque music on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August. To sit in the candle lit church, listening to a collection of organ voluntaries and anthems, performed by organist John Wellingham and tenor Daniel Turner, on a gentle summer's evening, was a delight. They are the Loosemore Duo, and their individual talents combined to make a very special experience.

Many composers were represented, notably Handel and Purcell, both of whom have anniversaries to celebrate this year. John and Daniel guided us through the pieces, inviting us to imagine the settings for which they were created. It was wonderful to be asked to think of one piece as an offering to be taken home and played on one's spinet, clavichord or harpsichord! The visual treat of the evening was watching both men, side by side at the organ, with it's very short keyboard, playing a duet by Thomas Tomkins, without getting their hands tied up!

The music was over all too soon, but the refreshments and conversation afterwards brought the evening to an enjoyable close.

St Mary's is a lovely venue for such evenings. Long may they continue.