

## **David Davies**

David Davies is currently Organist of Buckfast Abbey and Organist at the University of Exeter. Having studied at Eton College, at Magdalen College, Oxford, (where he was Organ Scholar) and at Yale University, David pursued a career in liturgical music, and has held positions in churches and cathedrals on both sides of the Atlantic. He was Sub Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir at Guildford Cathedral and subsequently Assistant Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral. He lived and worked in the USA for six years, in Connecticut, Georgia, California, Alabama and New York.

David studied the piano with Peter Melville Smith and Dorian Leljak, and the organ with Alastair Sampson, John Wellingham and Nicolas Kynaston.

In his present position at Buckfast Abbey, David supports the worshipping monastic life of the Benedictine Community there, while, at the University of Exeter, David teaches the organ and accompanies the University Chapel Choir. He is an active recitalist, has travelled across Europe, North America, Japan and South Africa as a solo performer, and has featured in numerous broadcasts and recordings.

David is a commissioned composer of orchestral and choral music and also writes and lectures in English and Welsh, especially on the intersection of the arts and liturgy.