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ALISON HOWELL

Alison Howell is based in Bristol and works as a freelance musician. She is organist at the church of St John the Baptist, Keynsham, and is the accompanist for Cheltenham Choral Society and Somerset Voices. Alison also frequently deputises for numerous other choirs in the area and, as an organ recitalist, she has given solo concerts in many cathedrals and churches. Alison is a committee member of the Society of Women Organists for whom she coordinates "Woman Composer Sunday": an annual, international, event – held on the nearest Sunday to International Women's Day – to promote organ and liturgical music by women composers.

Alison studied organ, piano and harpsichord at the Royal Academy of Music, and gained the London University BMus degree. She was subsequently awarded scholarships by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust, The Tillett Trust and The Worshipful Company of Musicians to continue her studies in Amsterdam and London. At this time, she gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists, winning the prestigious Coventry Cathedral Recital Award for outstanding performance of the pieces, and a distinction in the LGSM piano diploma. Her MA research at Reading University was in psychomotor variables and related outcomes in sight-reading fluency among piano students.