

Malew Parish Church



Gt: 8,8,8,4,2 Sw: 8,8,8,8,4,8 Ped: 16,8.

The present instrument dates from 1907 and was built by Moses Morgan of Douglas. It replaces the much smaller Hewitt

organ which was said to have been sited in the west gallery of the church, and was moved up to St Mark's Church at this time.





The Morgan instrument was completely new, and typical of its builder, with 2 manuals (mechanical action) and pneumatic pedals. The position of the organ part-way down the church is unusual, and Morgan had to contend with a shallow site – a problem which he overcame by the use of narrow scaled, wooden basses to the Swell Diapason which made an unusually shallow swell box possible.



Lack of space also prevented the inclusion of the more usual Violone 16' as the second pedal stop, Morgan providing an 8' Cello instead. The metal pipework is typical of this builder, and may have come from Laukhuffs, the trade suppliers in Weikersheim. The attractive light oak case is reminiscent of those found in the parish churches of Andreas and Laxey.

The instrument remains almost unaltered, though the original 4' Flute on the Great was transposed to 2' pitch by Laycock and Bannister, who worked on the organ in the 1960s/70s. (For reasons of lack of space, Laycocks did not transpose the bottom octave, though no organist seems to have noticed that this stop suddenly drops an octave in pitch at the lower end of the keyboard!).