

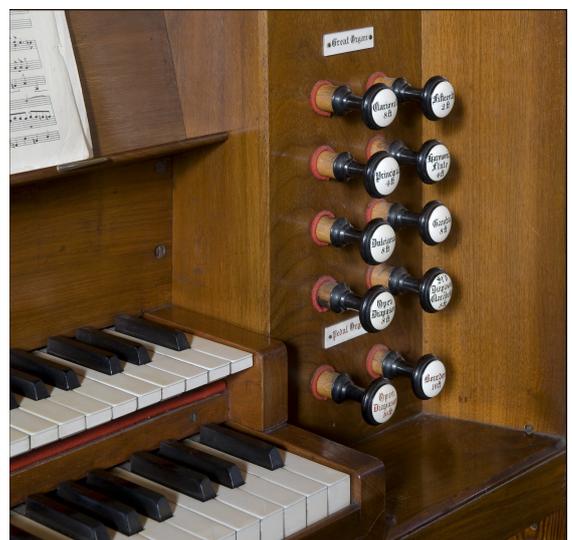
Peel Methodist Church



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

This 2-manual organ (built in 1892) is one of a pair, by the firm of Alexander Young & Sons, the other being at Trinity URC, Ramsey.

The instrument has mechanical action to the manuals, and originally to the pedals, but the pedals were later converted to tubular pneumatic action. It is still possible to see the traces of gas lighting at the console, and the hand-blowing gear remains, though an electric blower has been in regular use for many years. Designed to accompany a full chapel of Methodist voices, the organ has a commanding presence, both visually and musically, thanks to its boldly-voiced main choruses, and excellent position at gallery



level. It has a good range of stops, including, as well as those of larger scale, brighter stops which maintain the clarity in the fuller combinations. In this way, it is able to, literally, shake the pews in an impressive manner impossible for smaller instruments.

Built new for the chapel, the organ has survived the usual problems of builders and decorators, to say nothing of damp, cold

conditions and the plans of those wishing to bring the chapel 'up-to-date'. Though somewhat cumbersome to play, it continues, as do many thousands of similar Victorian instruments, in a basically sound and stable condition, giving little trouble from Sunday to Sunday, as the years turn into decades, and one century gives way to the next.

