



David Coram

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It is with the greatest sadness that we announce the tragic death of David Coram on 28 January 2019. David was the organist for Laudemus! from 2011 to 2018, and was capable of coaxing the loveliest sounds from the least promising of instruments. His imagination and musicianship were displayed to the full in his improvisations and his psalm accompaniments, and his skill at making on-the-spot repairs to neglected pipes and actions saved us from many a mid-service squeak and cither.

The ups and downs of David's life were shared – sometimes hour by hour – on his Facebook page. Here one could find political comment; funny stories; videos of hymn embellishments from St Peter's Hammersmith; a seemingly endless saga of unreliable vehicles; and photos of organs in various stages of restoration, of interesting cookery experiments, of children playing, and of ingenious bits of DIY. Here he also shared moments of elation and despair.

[This tribute](#) from the Salisbury Journal, written by Annie Riddle of the Salisbury Community Choir, will echo the thoughts of many who knew David, and his [Facebook page](#) contains memories and tributes from all those whose lives he touched with his enthusiasm and musicianship. He will be desperately missed by all those with whom he worked, and by all those he loved and who loved him. But none will miss him more than his two little children, whom he adored. Rest in peace, David.

Marianne Barton
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