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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH

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Portsmouth musician Peter Newman has been appointed Director of Music at St John's Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth.

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St John's Cathedral (Portsmouth) is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Newman as the Cathedral's Director of Music.

Commenting on the appointment, Canon David Hopgood, Cathedral Dean, said: 'We are delighted that Peter, who has been much appreciated as an organist at the Cathedral for seven years, has accepted the post of Director of Music'.

Sharing the same birthday as J.S.Bach, Peter was educated at the City of Boys' School and Southdowns College, Portsmouth. Having been a boy chorister at St Anne's Church (HM Naval Base) 1975-1978, Peter then moved to St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, where he was chorister, then Alto Lay Clerk and subsequently Second Assistant Organist (1978-1998). Peter then moved to become Director of Music at St Agatha's Church, Portsmouth (1998-2000) since when he has been organist at St John's.

Asked about his new post, Peter said: 'I am thrilled with the appointment. This is a new challenge for me and I welcome the opportunity to maintain and develop the strong tradition of music at the Cathedral'.

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