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Getting to grips with your Makin Organ

These notes are provided by for what used to be deemed as ‘reluctant organists’, who are generally keyboard players who now play organs in church. However, they also provide a simple refresher for other organists as well.

Turn the organ on. This may be by a key start or a switch to the right of the manuals/keyboards.

If you do not play the pedals, please select the ‘Manual Bass’ or MB function (usually located under the Great manual which is the bottom keyboard on a two manual organ). This will play the pedals (if the stops are on) automatically if you play on the Great manual. Please note this is generally for hymn use only.

Turn on the ‘Great & Pedal Comb’s Coupled’. This will ensure that the pedal bass stops suitably match the manual stops when the Great pistons are used (under the Great manual)

The organ will have turned on set to memory 1 (you can tell which memory you are on by looking at the digital display to the right of the manuals). If you have your own memory number allocated, remember to select this (use + and – pistons under the Great manual).

Makin Organs Ltd has set up the General pistons (usually at the left hand end under the Swell manual which is the top keyboard) to give an overall crescendo of the entire instrument from piston 1 (quiet) to 8 (second coming). These are suitable settings for accompaniment of hymns and will provide a wide variety of sounds from all manuals. However we recommend that 7 and 8 are only used for last verses. Don’t play too loud all the time.

Experiment with the various combinations pistons whilst you practice and as you get more confident try using the Swell and Great divisional thumb pistons as well (these operate the stops that correspond to the manual above).

Hand registration is great fun and as you become more proficient do continue to experiment.

Practice makes perfect. Don’t be tempted to try something new in a service unless you have practiced it first!

If in doubt, please don’t hesitate to call Makin Organs for advice and help.



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