

## **César Franck Trois Pièces (1878) & Trois Chorals (1890)**

We are delighted that this recording features the live performances of three organists, and I would like to record especial thanks to Christopher Rathbone, Director of Music at St Margaret's, Ilkley, for suggesting this recording's genesis and contributing his own fine performances in support of the Organ Appeal. The tracks by Jonathan Eyre and myself were recorded during Wednesday Lunchtime Organ Recitals at the Cathedral, and I'd like to pay particular thanks to Dr Stewart Smith for his work in producing this CD to his customary standards. The two recordings released in early 2013 in support of the Cathedral Organ Appeal have given real pleasure to so many, and I'm sure this CD will have similar appeal.

Not content with a trio of organists, we thought it would be interesting to feature three instruments: the Bradford Cathedral Organ, the William Hill Organ at St Margaret's Church, Ilkley (with thanks to Fr. Philip Gray and Christopher Rathbone) and the Hill, Norman and Beard instrument at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury (with the kind permission of the Director of Music, David Leeke). We hope you enjoy these fine and contrasting instruments!

*Alexander Woodrow*