

21. THE ORGAN AND ORGAN CHAMBER



The current organ sits rather uncomfortably in the impressive arch leading to the organ chamber. Indeed, some of the pipes breach the ceiling. The current organ was built in 1882 by Eustace Ingram of Stoke Newington, London but when it was installed is not known, though a plan drawn up by Nicholson in 1876 shows a new organ chamber, as well as other alterations which did not go ahead.

In 1881 Ingram senior (b. 1840) was living in London, but in 1901 his son, also Eustace (b. 1863), was living in Hereford with three children all born in Hereford, the eldest in 1889. An organ-building company, Ingram & Co. of Hereford and Edinburgh was started by Eustace and his brother Alfred but they parted company.

The organ has 2 manuals and pedals and mechanical (tracker) action throughout. It has 7 stops on the swell, 6 on the great and 1 on the pedal. It was completely restored nearly 40 years ago by Nicholson & Co. Ltd. of Malvern.

When Nicholson's plan to extend the chancel to the east fell through, the adding of a sacristy became impossible, but the relatively large organ chamber arch meant that the easternmost window on the south side was removed. The small doorway which would have been moved to the sacristy still exists in the organ chamber, though unused.