

## St Paul's Church Organist and Director of Music: Miss Tansy Castledine



Tansy began her musical studies as the Parry Wood Organ Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford before gaining a MMus in Choral Direction and Church Music at the Royal Academy of Music where she won all the major prizes for Choral Direction. Following this, she was appointed Director of the London City University Chamber Choir and Director of Music at Belmont, Mill Hill Prep School with whom she directed several European tours and recorded a CD. In September 2001 Tansy was appointed Director of the Intermediate Choir for Finchley Children's Music Group with whom she has prepared the choir for performances at both the Royal Albert Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall and instigated and directed an annual summer workshop for the children (*Annie* 2005, *Aladdin* 2006).

Tansy has been Director of Music and Organist at St Paul's Church, Mill Hill since September 2001. During that time she has increased the number of choristers in the Junior Choir, run several residential Cathedral trips, formed a Festival Choir, appointed an Organ Scholar and put on performances of major works including Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and *Requiem* settings by Mozart, Fauré and Rutter.

In addition to these positions Tansy regularly directs day and residential courses for the Royal School of Church Music in Britain and is an Examiner for their national singing awards. Tansy has recorded on the Guild, Priory and Nelson Thorne Labels and is also an Associate of the Royal College of Organists. Tansy is currently Director of the Chapel Choir at St George's College, Weybridge.