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## Test Valley Brass Proms Concert to benefit St. Mary's Church and Andover Rebuild Together campaign

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**ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE, UK – 10 September 2012** – [St. Mary's Church of Andover](#) and [Test Valley Brass](#), (TVB) announce in support of the **St. Mary's and Andover Rebuild Together (SMART)** campaign, an evening of music not to be missed on Saturday the 29th of September at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Andover. The concert titled 'Rule Britannia!' will feature vocal and instrumental soloists, a trombone quartet, the Harmonium Singers, Test Valley Brass and the recently repaired St. Mary's Church organ. Tickets are £10 and are available at Waterstones located in the Chantry Centre, or at St. Mary's Church Office located in the Church Centre on Marlborough Street, Andover. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the concert. For more information about the concert call 01264 366 373 or 01264 351842.

"The concert promises to be a great evening with traditional proms music including 'Pomp and Circumstance, Jerusalem and Rule Britannia' to name just a few," said Alec Grimsey of Test Valley Brass. "We are absolutely delighted to be asked to be part of such a great event, for such a wonderful cause, in such a magnificent building. As a Brass Band, we very much value our involvement in the community and are extremely happy to help wherever possible. We have strong links with the church, performing at their Christingle Service each year, and this concert promises to be a magnificent event."

"It is a blessing that the Test Valley Brass want to help us rebuild St. Mary's Church together with the community, for the community," said Reverend Canon John Harkin, Vicar of St. Mary's Church and Area Dean of Andover Deanery. "The SMART campaign will have to continue for a long time as we seek to raise significant necessary funding. Church and community leaders alike see this building, at the heart of Andover, as a wonderful resource for the whole community, and work still needs to be done that will update it so that it can be used for outreach, church services and other community events."

**St. Mary's and Andover Rebuild Together (SMART)** campaign was developed by church and community leaders after the repeated theft of lead and subsequent damage to the interior of the church and its pipe organ. The campaign has been created to go further than the simple repair of the church building, but to adapt the facility into an innovative multi-function building that will incorporate a place of worship, and a function area for community events like the recent antique valuation day, community concerts, dinners, and 'musician of the year' competitions. Already money has been borrowed to enable many areas of the church to undergo essential repairs including a new heating system, repair of the organ and to several parts of the roof from which lead had been stolen.

**Editor's Note:** The following high-resolution images can be downloaded by clicking on the "Click Here" links below:



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**Caption:** Test Valley Brass Concert Band



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**Caption:** St. Mary's Church of Andover, Hampshire

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### **About Test Valley Brass**

The Test Valley Brass Band is made up of two bands, the Test Valley Brass Senior Band and the award winning Test Valley Brass Youth Band. Test Valley Brass enters a number of contests throughout the year, and on these occasions a contest group is formed drawing players primarily from the Senior band, but also giving an opportunity to the Youth band players.

For more information about Test Valley Brass concerts, how to join, or become a member of Friends of the Band, visit [www.testvalleybrass.co.uk](http://www.testvalleybrass.co.uk) or call 01264 351842.

### **About St. Mary's Church of Andover**

St. Mary's Church of Andover is a part of the Church of England with a friendly, relaxed community of ordinary people whose purpose is to seek God in worship, serve one another and show God's love to those around them. The church family enjoys a wide and diverse background of traditions and enjoys sharing worship, and working with others in the local community and beyond.

For more information about St. Mary's Church of Andover, visit [www.stmarys-andover.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-andover.org.uk) or call 01264 366 373.

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