

# Maughold Parish Church



**Gt: 8,8,8,4,4, Sw: 8,8,8,8,4,8, Ped: 16,8.**

This organ was built, originally, by Morgan or Morgan and Pollard, for the Methodist Church in Bay View Road, Port St Mary. It had mechanical key and stop action, with pneumatic pedal mechanisms. Unusually, there were two case fronts, rather in the manner of St. Matthew's, Douglas, or Castletown Methodist Church. Uniquely, the organist was seated within the organ chamber, completely out of site (and unable to see anything going on during the service.)

When the two Methodist Churches in Port

St Mary combined, the Bay View Road building became the Baptist Church. Their style of service had no use for a pipe organ, and so they gave it to Maughold Church, who were looking for a larger instrument as part of a Millennium project.

The instrument was renovated, re-designed, and rebuilt, by Peter Jones, in an entirely different form, with electric action throughout. It is sited in the west gallery, with a detached console, from which the player can see down the church and also



across to the choir (which is also in the gallery.) The unusual case front incorporates parts of the two original cases, with some new material. Tonally, all the original stops

have survived, revoiced to suit their new position, and the organ has a good range of effects for use in service playing, recitals and concerts.

