

Peel Cathedral (St German's)



Gt: 8,8,8,4,4,2,III,8. Sw: 8,8,8,8,4,2,III,16,8,4. Ped: 16,16,8,8,16.

The organ was built by Brindley and Foster in 1883, and was originally an all-mechanical action. Planned as a 3-manual, the pipes of the Choir was never fitted, and when it was renovated by Laycock and Bannister in the 1970s, it was cut down to a 2-manual instrument, with some stop changes and additions.

Like the Braddan organ by the same builders, the instrument at Peel suffers from poor placement in a chamber which, though plenty large enough, opens onto the main part of the building through archways which are too small to let out all the sound. This means that, though it sounds perfectly adequate in the building, it does not have the impact which an organ of this size and power ought to have.

Despite this, the instrument contains some

very pleasing pipework, and has proved to be basically reliable down the years, and even at the present time, when the building lies unheated for virtually all of the time, resulting in deep freeze conditions in winter.



