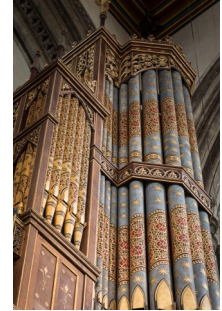
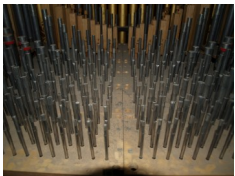


# Rochester Cathedral's Awesome Organ



Rochester Cathedral's organ sits on top of the pulpitum screen which separates the nave from the quire.

It is a wind instrument. Music is made when air passes through the pipes. There are around 3808 pipes.



Some pipes smaller and thinner than a pencil, these make high notes.



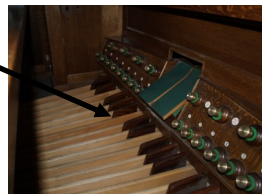
Some pipes are so big you could stand inside, these make low notes.

This is the organ **console**.

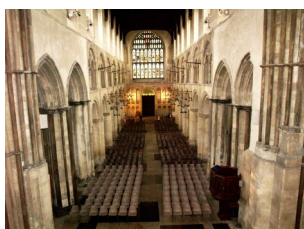


The console has 4 keyboards, these are called **manuals**. When the organist presses the keys on the manuals, air is sent through different pipes. A **blower** pumps air into the organ. Today this is electric, but a long time ago hand operated bellows were used.

This is the **pedal board**, it is a keyboard that is played not with hands but feet.



These buttons are called **stops**. They direct the air to different groups of pipes and give the organ different voices, or sounds. The organ is like a whole orchestra in one instrument!



This is the view of the nave from the organ loft.



Perhaps you will hear our awesome organ playing next time you visit.