



### **Pipe Organ Performer from UK**

*Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree Presents Oliver Brett November 11*

**(SUNTREE, FL) October 29, 2018** – Oliver Brett of the United Kingdom will be the first featured performer of the 2018-19 season of the Advent Lutheran Church Concert Series in Suntree on Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 PM. The American-made A.E. Schleuter pipe organ of 36 ranks and 2,196 pipes will swell under the proficient touch of the organ scholar of King's College, Cambridge during the recital at 7550 North Wickham Road, 32940. The program will include works for organ by Bach, Schumann, Duruflé, Buxtehude and other prominent composers. Currently, Mr. Brett is studying for a doctorate in organ performance and a masters in harpsichord performance at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he also serves as Director of Music at St Anne's Church and plays the organ for Christ Church's Schola Cantorum. Born in Kent, Oliver has performed across five continents and in venues across the USA, including Washington National Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, St Albans Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and more. In October 2017, Oliver was awarded second prize and the Royal Canadian College of Organists' Prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition. Recent engagements have included concerts in Sydney, Montreal and Los

Angeles. For more information about the free performance in Suntree, visit [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org) or call (321) 426-9378.

Advent Lutheran Church Organist and Concert Series Coordinator, Betty Jo Couch counts herself fortunate for securing Oliver Brett as the first featured performer of the 2018-19 season.

"Oliver Brett has given organ performances on five continents and won numerous competitions, including last year's second place finish in Canada," said Couch. "This talented young man is now finishing his studies at the prestigious Eastman School of Music and we are delighted to welcome him as a featured performer for the Advent Lutheran Church Concert Series."

For more information about Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree and Melbourne Beach, visit [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org).

**ABOUT OLIVER BRETT** -- Born in Kent in the UK in 1985, Oliver Brett was educated as a music and academic scholar at Tonbridge School and then as organ scholar of King's College, Cambridge from where he graduated in 2007 with a degree in music. Since then, he has held positions at Westminster Cathedral, Durham Cathedral and St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. He is currently studying for a doctorate in organ performance with David Higgs and a masters in harpsichord performance with William Porter at the Eastman School of Music. He also serves as Director of Music at St Anne's RC Church and plays the organ for Christ Church's Schola Cantorum. He is in demand as a choral accompanist and continuo player, regularly collaborating with many of Eastman's choral ensembles.

His former organ and harpsichord teachers include Sarah Baldock, Thomas Trotter, David Sanger, David Briggs, Dame Gillian Weir and Edoardo Bellotti. In October 2017, Oliver was awarded second prize and the Royal Canadian College of Organists' Prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition. As a recitalist, Oliver has performed across five continents. Whilst organ scholar of King's College, Cambridge, he was heard by millions worldwide when he played for the 2006 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. He has performed in venues such as the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam; the Royal Albert Hall, London; the Seoul Arts Centre in South Korea; the Esplanade Concert Hall in Singapore; the Istanbul International Music Festival; concerts in Scandinavia and the Baltic States. As a solo concert artist, he has performed at the Festival of Sacred Music in Ecuador; and venues across the USA, including Washington National Cathedral and St Thomas', Fifth Avenue, NYC. In the UK, he has given recitals at Westminster Abbey, St Albans Abbey, Lichfield Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral, Truro Cathedral, and at Worcester Cathedral as part of the Three Choirs Festival. In Australia he has given recitals in Melbourne, Perth, Hobart, Adelaide and Sydney, including at Sydney Town Hall, collaborating

frequently with David Elton (currently principal trumpeter of the London Symphony Orchestra). He has performed with orchestras such as the Philharmonia, Britten Sinfonia, Florilegium, the Armonico Consort and the Academy of Ancient Music. Recent engagements have included concerts in Sydney, Montreal and Los Angeles. Plans for the next year include concerts in Houston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco, Phoenix as well as concerts in the UK.

**ABOUT ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**-- Advent Lutheran Church is headquartered at 7550 North Wickham Road in Suntree, Florida, 32940. The church offers six distinctly different spirit-filled worship experiences along with opportunities for growth in faith, service and fellowship. Since 1982, the church community has welcomed theological exploration and diversity, equally embracing life-long believers and those still seeking truth. Lutherans believe in God's love for humankind and all of creation, salvation by grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the "priesthood of all believers." On July 1, 2013, Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree and Grace Lutheran Church at 1805 Oak Street in Melbourne Beach merged their resources to become a single entity. More information about Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree or Melbourne Beach may be found at [www.AdventBrevard.org](http://www.AdventBrevard.org) or by calling 321-259-8515.