

Organ History

One of the earliest records for the building of an organ was for Ely Cathedral in the year 1407.

Material costs;

20 stone of lead	16.9d
4 Horse hides	7.8d
6 Calf skins	2.6d
12 Sheep skins	2.4d
10 Ashen hoops	4d
10 pairs hinges	1.10d
12 Springs	3d
1 Pound of glue	1d
1 Pound of tin	3d
2 Pounds of silver	2.0d
Wire, nails, staples	1.0d

Labour costs;

Carpenter	2.8d
Organ builder	40.0d

Total amount; £3.17.8d

If only pipe organs were as reasonable to build today!

€500 Discount

Special offer available until End of November. It is one of our most popular models, the Viscount Vivace 30 organ. Now at €500 off the RRP. Was €5,250 now going for €4,750. Price includes VAT at 21% and 10 years parts warranty and five years labour warranty.



VISCOUNT VIVACE 30

- * Two Manuals
- * 27 Note Pedalboard
- * Matching bench
- * 31 tab stops
- * Transpose Control
- * Locking Cover
- * Registration Pistons
- * Divided Expression
- * Auto Pedal Feature

Viscount digital church organs range from a small single manual model selling for €3,000 to their smallest two manual model at €4,250 and then on up to large three manual moving drawstop starting at over €30,000. Their most reasonable 32 note pedal board model sells for €7,250. All prices include VAT at 21%.

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What's New?

New range of Viscount Cadet Digital Church Organs coming out in 2012 with a not too welcome price increase. In the meantime the current popular range of Viscount Vivace church organs represent great value digital instruments coming with a standard 10 year guarantee on parts and a 5 year guarantee on labour.



Also new on the market is this three manual Viscount Envoy 350 FV Organ.

This model features;

- 50 tab voices
- 4 Orchestral voices
- 10 General pistons
- 6 Divisional pistons
- Transpose
- Auto Pedal
- MIDI & USB
- Sequencer
- Music desk light
- Light or dark oak
- Built in audio

Price: €13,950

Pipe v. Digital

With technology moving on in leaps and bounds, the digital church organ brings you the sound of the traditional pipe organ at a fraction of the cost both in terms of installation and regular tuning as well as the ease of playing one of these instruments with the added help of transpose, preset pistons, and more even on the most basic models. In term of longevity you can expect at least twenty years plus service from these instruments.

Organ Tips

When playing a hymn with a number of verses an idea would be to play say the tenor line on a solo stop for example an oboe stop for one verse on the swell manual and play the rest with the left hand on the great manual using soft stops. Play the bass line on the pedals. Also vary the registrations (stops) for each verse. Use the preset pistons if your organ has them for quick changes between verses. You'll be surprised at the difference this makes.

Your Say

Drop us a line if you have something you would like us to include in our next issue of 'Church Organ Notes' We would like to hear from you. A tip ,a fact, a quip or a story about your experience as a church musician in this 'Your Say' column.

If you do not wish to receive these newsletters please let us know.

Church Organ - Replace or Rebuild?

A number of churches around the country are facing the decision of what to do with their aging pipe organ. Do we rebuilt and renovate it at an enormous cost to the parish? Are there other options. An Allen or Viscount digital church organ is a very real cost effective solution and many churches have installed one of these fine instruments rather than spend a small fortune on a pipe organ rebuild. Contact us today for further information.

Used Organs

We have a selection of used electronic & digital church organs especially suited as home practice instruments. These start from €500. Names such as Allen, Rodgers, Hammond and Viscount. Practice in the comfort of your own home rather than heading down to the local church in the coming cold winter evenings.



Used Allen Organ for sale €6,995 incl VAT. Allen digital organ suitable for a church or for use as a home practise instrument. This organ is in good working order and features;

- 2 manuals
- 32 note pedalboard
- 33 tab stops/voices
- Transpose
- Matching bench
- Locking roll top
- Two speaker cabs
- Music desk light
- Alterable voices

Organ Hire

Organs available for short or long term hire. Events such as weddings, while a pipe organ is out of service, conventions or conferences. Give us a call for a quotation.



Organ Service

Digital electronic church organs do not need annual tuning or maintenance but they do require attention from time to time. We are offering a two yearly health check and cleaning of your instrument for a nominal amount to keep it your church instrument in tip top condition. Especially those church organs that have been installed over ten years ago. Some of these instruments have been in service for over thirty years and will need a regular once over to increase their longevity. We will be in touch with your church over the next few months.



Spare Parts

Maintaining a ready supply of replacement parts for every organ produced by the Allen Organ Company is no mean feat. Considering how many different models the company has produced over its 70+ year history this shows how committed Allen Organ Company are to the longevity of the instruments they manufacture. This gives confidence to those investing in an Allen organ. In today's throw away mentality, where companies don't support products after a few years, it's refreshing to see a company like Allen offering such support to its end users.

No Organist!

We have installed in the past month a number of 'Allen MIDI Assistant' units to organs where the church doesn't have a regular organist. These units actually play the organ. They come with a very large selection of hymns and voluntaries and they can also record songs just by playing the organ. They can be used on any digital church organ with MIDI. Contact us for a brochure and price



Organ Aids

On the modern digital electronic organ you get many player helps to aid you in playing the instrument. This issue we highlight the transpose control. The choir or Cantor would like a certain hymn or song set lower. No need to rewrite the music out, just turn the transpose control back a semitone or a tone and still play the music as it is written. In our next issue we will look at another useful help.



VISCOUNT VIVACE 10 DL Single Manual.

Our single manual organ is available in either dark or light oak veneer console finish. It has the following features;

- 61 note keyboard
- 21 tab stops
- Transpose
- Preset Pistons
- Roll top cover
- 8 orchestral voices
- Expression pedal
- Auto Bass

Retails for €3,000