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

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

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

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

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