



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 21st April 2024 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.15am - Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm - Choral Evensong in the Chancel

The week ahead

The church will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, open for private prayer from 11.00am to 2.00pm on Thursday and Friday

Tuesday 23rd April

9.30am Pebbles

A free group for pre-school children and their parents/carers

Wednesday 24th April

10.30am No Said Eucharist in St John's in the Square

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Friday 26th April

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Memorial Chapel

1.15pm Lunchtime Live! - Ewan Murray (Organ)

Sunday 28th April - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Sunday 21st April 2024 - 11.15am

Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

Communion Service in G - Charles Hutchings

Introit Hymn

**1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.**

**2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.**

**3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never ending treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.**

Tune: St Peter (NEH 374)

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4. 5 - 12

Gradual Hymn

**1. Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confest,
Who by his cross have found their life,
And 'neath his yoke their rest.**

**2. Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heaven's eternal King.**

**3. Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!**

**4. Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesus' love.**

**5. Then shall they know, they that love
him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.**

*Tune: Binchester (NEH 369)
Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the Latin of Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*

Gospel

John 10. 11 - 18

Offertory Hymn

**1. The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
and feed me with a shepherd's care;
his presence shall my wants supply,
and guard me with a watchful eye;
my noonday walks he shall attend,
and all my midnight hours defend.**

**3. Though in a bare and rugged way
through devious lonely wilds I stray,
thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
the barren wilderness shall smile
with sudden greens and herbage
crowned,
and streams shall murmur all around.**

**2. When in the sultry glebe I faint,
or on the thirsty mountain pant,
to fertile vales and dewy meads
my weary wandering steps he leads,
where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
amid the verdant landscape flow.**

**4. Though in the paths of death I tread,
with gloomy horrors overspread,
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
for thou, O Lord, art with me still:
thy friendly staff shall give me aid,
and guide me through the dreadful
shade.**

*Tune: Surrey (NEH 458)
Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719)*

Post Communion Motet The Call - Richard Lloyd

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**3. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

**2. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**4. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Tune: Corvedale (CP 598)
Words: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata - Eugène Gigout

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces & Responses Bernard Rose

Evening Service in E Sydney Watson

Opening Hymn

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!**

**2. Death's mightiest powers have done
their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluia!**

**3. On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia!**

**4. He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!**

**5. Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy
servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia!**

*Tune: Victory (NEH 119)
Words: Latin 17th century
Tr Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

Psalm 81. 9 - 17

9 Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel : if thou wilt hearken unto me,
10 There shall no strange god be in thee : neither shalt thou worship any other
god.

11 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt : open thy
mouth wide, and I shall fill it.

12 But my people would not hear my voice : and Israel would not obey me.

13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts: and let them follow their own
imaginations.

14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me : for if Israel had walked in my
ways,

15 I should soon have put down their enemies : and turned my hand against their
adversaries.

16 The haters of the Lord should have been found liars : but their time should have
endured for ever.

17 He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour : and with honey out of
the stony rock should I have satisfied thee.

First Lesson

Exodus 16. 4 - 15

Office Hymn

1. The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

2. Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

3. That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

4. Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

5. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

6. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

Tune: Ad Cenam Agni (NEH 101i)
Words: Latin, probably 7th century
Tr J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Second Lesson

Revelation 2. 12 - 17

Anthem

Ascribe unto the Lord - S.S. Wesley

Hymn

**1. Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**2. For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**3. Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid in God with thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

Tune: Christchurch (NEH 114)
Words: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Organ Voluntary

Toccata - Georgi Mushel

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Choral Evensong - 5.15pm

Preces & Responses Peter Aston

Evening Service in C minor George Dyson

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

0 CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

First Lesson **Genesis 2. 4b - 9**

Second Lesson **1 Corinthians 15. 35 - 49**

Anthem Day by day - Martin How

Hymn

**1. O strength and stay upholding all creation,
Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
Yet day by day the light in due gradation
From hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**2. Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of decay,
The brightness of a holy death-bed blending
With dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**3. Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal word,
Who with the Holy Ghost by all things living
Now and to endless ages art adored. Amen.**

*Tune: Strength and stay (NEH 248ii)
Words: Latin, St Ambrose (340-397)
Tr John Ellerton (1826-93)
And F J A Hort (1828-92)*

Notices

Bible Readings for all services

References for the readings for all our services can be found in this booklet. If you wish to follow the readings, they are available online at bible.oremus.org (we use NRSV version), or perhaps consider bringing your own Bible. If you are reading this booklet online you are now able to click on the reading heading and this will take you directly to the Bible reading.

Visiting Priests at St Peter's

On Sunday 21st April our President and Preacher will be Rev Ben Whitmore. Choral Evensong will be lay led.

Advance notice of Church Closure - Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April

The church lights have now been upgraded to be much more energy efficient. To allow for the lights to be reinstalled, church will be closed on the dates above.

Deanery Confirmation Service - Sunday 21st April at 4pm at St Martin's Church, Slater Street, Bradley, Bilston WV14 8PF

This year's confirmation service will take place on 21st April as detailed above. Please do keep the candidates in your thought and prayers.

Archdeacon Julian's Farewell Service - Sunday 28th April 3pm, The Good Shepherd Church, 4 Bromford Lane, West Bromwich B70 7HP

All are welcome to attend, no RSVP required. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Dates for your diaries

- **Friends of the Music Quiz Night - Saturday 18th May**

More details and tickets will be available next week.

- **Summer Fair - Saturday 15th June**

If you would be interested in helping to organise the Summer Fair please speak to a churchwarden.

Priesting Ordination Service - Sunday 22nd June - 6.30pm

Volunteers Required

St Peter's Collegiate Church will be hosting this important service for Deacons across from the Wolverhampton Episcopal area as they are ordained Priest by Bishop Michael.

This is a large service and we will need a team of volunteer stewards to help welcome families, friends and visitors on the day.

You will also need to be available for a service rehearsal and briefing on the evening of Monday 17th June.

Please email the church office (wolvescentralparish@hotmail.co.uk) or speak to a churchwarden if you are able to assist.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 28th April

Copies of the booklet for this year's AGM are now available on the stewards table, along with nomination forms for positions on the Saint Peter's Management Group (SPMG), the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and for Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwarden.

If you would like to be nominated for one of these roles, please complete the relevant form and hand it in to the office by Sunday 21st April.

In order to be eligible to nominate someone or to be considered for one of these positions, you will need to be included on the Electoral Roll. If you are not currently on the roll, forms for this are also available.

Good Shepherd Food Donations

You may have noticed a box at the back of church for donations to the Good Shepherd Ministry. If you have any tins or dried goods please consider donating them. Men's toiletries are also on their shopping list, copies of which are available next to the box.

Finance

As you may be aware we receive no money to keep the church open other than that which we raise ourselves. With the current cost of energy, we are presently running at a loss.

Our daily income is £400 and our outgoings are £555. If this continues we will be facing an annual deficit of £56,575. A fact sheet is available explaining the church's finances. Do please read it and consider how you may be able to help.

Junior Church

The next Junior Church will be on 28th April.

London Marathon - 21st April

Fiona Rendell, Chris Roberts and Harry and Steve Castle will all be running the London Marathon raising money for Bowel Cancer UK, St Peter's Music Department and Dementia UK respectively. If you would like to sponsor them, please speak to Fiona or Deborah, Chris' link is **Chris Roberts - London Marathon**

Lunchtime Live!

Our Friday lunchtime recitals continue.

Details of future dates are below;

April 26th	Ewan Murray	Organ
May 3rd	Elli-Mae McGlone	Organ
May 10th	Isobel Gollings	Soprano
May 17th	Harry Brown	Organ
May 24th	Sarah Potjewijd	Piano

Wednesday Eucharist at St John's

During the Vacancy it will not be possible to hold a Eucharist at St John's every Wednesday.

The proposal is to hold a service on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The services for the coming months will therefore be;

May	1st and 15th	Sept	4th and 18th
June	5th and 19th	Oct	2nd and 16th
July	3rd and 17th	Nov	6th and 20th
Aug	7th and 21st	Dec	4th and 18th

Bell Ringing Peal Attempt - Saturday 20th April - 11am - 3pm

A group of bellringers from Liverpool will be visiting St Peter's on 20th April and attempting to ring a Peal. A peal takes between 2 hours 50 and 3 hours to complete! Do listen out if you are in Wolverhampton on that day.

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamps on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). If you have any used stamps please pop them in the box at the back of church.

Church Website

The church website contains details of services, hymns, readings etc can be downloaded from <https://www.wolvescentralparish.com/st-peters>

Friends of the Music

If you would like to help us continue our work in producing the choral musicians of the future, please consider either giving us a one-off donation or becoming a Friend. One-off donations can be made directly to our account via the details below, and if you wish to become a member of the Friends of the Music, please complete the form in the leaflets at the back of church and return it to the Parish Office.

Account Name: Friends of St Peter's Church Music

Sort Code: 30-99-83 Account Number: 02010234

Giving

General & Gift Aid Donations

Those who are UK taxpayers and who wish to make a donation are asked to use one of the small white envelopes which can be found by the doors and in the pews. Please ensure that you fill in your details in ink on the front. This will enable HMRC to add 25% to your gift. If you would like to commit yourself to regular giving through our envelope scheme, please ask one of the stewards or churchwardens.

*St Peter's welcomes donations via our Just Giving page:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stpeterwolverhampton.*



Standing Orders

Perhaps the simplest way to give regularly is by Standing Order. Please tell us so that we can do what's necessary to claim Gift Aid. Please email us for our bank details.

Giving by Post

You are most welcome to send regular and one-off donations by posting a cheque (please see address below) but please do not send cash.

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