



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 19th November 2023 - The Second Sunday before Advent

11.15am - Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm - Choral Evensong in the Chancel

The week ahead

*The church will normally be open for private prayer from 11.00am to 2.00pm
from Monday to Friday.*

Tuesday 21st November

9.30am Pebbles

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL STARTS TODAY: 11-2 and 4-7

Wednesday 22nd November

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

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Thursday 23rd November

10.30am Knit and Natter in St Peter's House

Friday 24th November

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Memorial Chapel

1.15pm Lunchtime Live! - No recital this week

Sunday 26th November - Christ the King

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Sunday 19th November 2023 - 11.15am

Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

Communion Service in F - Darke

Introit Hymn

**1. O happy band of pilgrims,
If onward ye will tread
With Jesus as your fellow,
To Jesus as your head!**

**2. O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then!**

**3. The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure.**

**4. What are they but his jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?**

**5. O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win you such a prize**

*Tune: Knecht (NEH 418)
J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

Gradual Hymn

**1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.**

**3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**5. Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**6. Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

*Tune: Southwell (NEH 70i)
Greek, Synesius of Cyrene (375-430)
Tr A. W. Chatfield (1808-1896)*

Gospel

Matthew 25. 14 - 30

Offertory Hymn

**1. O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King,
Who wide the gates of death didst fling,
Whose place upon creation's throne
By Easter triumph was made known,
Rule now on earth from realms above,
Subdue the nations by thy love.**

**3. Let those whose pride usurps thy throne
Acknowledge thou art Lord alone;
Cause those whose lust torments mankind
Thy wrath to know, thy mercy find;
Make all the rebel world proclaim
The mighty power of thy blest name.**

**2. Lord vindicate against men's greed
The weak, whose tears thy justice plead;
The pity, Lord, on men who lie
Broken by war and tyranny;
Show them the cross which thou didst bear,
Give them the power that conquered there.**

**4. So shall creation's bondage cease,
Its pangs of woe give birth to peace;
And all the earth, redeemed by thee,
Shall know a glorious liberty;
O haste the time, make short the days,
Till all our cries dissolve in praise.**

*Tune: Melita (NEH 354)
R. T. Brooks (1918-85)*

Post Communion Motet Lord, thou hast been our refuge - Vaughan-Williams

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ
our Saviour. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

**2. Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light!**

**4. Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide
Let there be light!**

*Tune: Moscow (NEH 466)
John Marriott (1780-1825)*

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552ii - J.S. Bach

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces and Responses

Preces & Responses - Radcliffe

Evening Service in F

Dyson

Opening Hymn

**1. O worship the King
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his power and his love;
Our shield and defender,
the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.**

**2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.**

**3. The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.**

**5. Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
Redeemer, and friend.**

**4. Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.**

**6. O measureless might,
ineffable love,
While angels delight
to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.**

*Tune: Hanover (NEH 433)
Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

Psalm 89: 19 - 29

19 For the Lord is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King.
20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.
28 And I will make him my first-born : higher than the kings of the earth.
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

First Lesson

1 Kings 1. (1 - 14), 15 - 40

Office Hymn

1. O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all.

3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with
strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

5. O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Spirit and with thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears.

4. But grant them grace that they may
strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.

*Tune: Lucis Creator (NEH 150)
Latin, 8th century or earlier
Tr. Percy Dearmer (1868-1936)*

Second Lesson

Revelation 1. 4 - 18

Anthem

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace - Wesley

Hymn

**1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ In our hearts, the world's true King.**

**3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**5. We are the Church; Christ's bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ
restores
True peace, true love, to all mankind.**

**2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's
reign.**

**4. Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

*Tune: Deo Gracias (NEH 361)
James Quinn (1919-2010)*

Organ Voluntary

Voluntary: Idylle mélancolique, Op. 31 - Vierne

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Choral Evensong - 5.15pm

Preces and Responses plainsong

The Cherubini Service Ian Wicks

Psalm 119: 81 - 88

Defecit anima mea

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

First Lesson **Zechariah 8. 1 - 13**

Second Lesson **Mark 13. 3 - 8**

Anthem A Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford

Hymn

**1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.**

*Tune: Gwalchmai (NEH 391)
George Herbert (1593-1632)*

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 19th November services will be taken by Rev Charlotte Cheshire.

On Sunday 26th our Celebrant and Preacher at Choral Eucharist will be Bishop Jonathan and Choral Evensong will be led by Rev Treena Larkin.

Mayor's Visit - Saturday 25th November 3:00pm

The Mayor, Dr Mike Hardacre, will be making a short visit to St Peter's after the Christmas Fair to view the Christmas Trees.

Do stay on to welcome him and to help with tidying up if you are able.

Advent Reflection - Tuesday 5th December at 7:00pm - Zoom

We have chosen for Advent The Archbishop of York's recommended book, 'Stick with Love' by Rt Rev Arun Arora. Some of you may remember Arun from his time leading Wolverhampton Pioneer Ministries here. Arun is now the Bishop of Kirkstall, a well known writer and national figure, who co-chaired the Archbishops' Anti Racism Taskforce.

His Advent book has short daily reflections, helping us to consider the biblical picture of the Church as drawn from every tribe, tongue and nation.

Our Reader Clare will be introducing the book on Zoom. Please let Clare know if you'd like the Zoom link. Bring your own mince pies!

Blue Christmas Service - Sunday 10th December 4:00pm

This is a short service of quiet reflection for those who find Christmas difficult. One or two helpers are required.

If you would like to assist with leading and organising the service, please speak to our Reader Clare.



Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christmas Tree Festival will be open from 21st to 29th November. Please see the posters and flyers for opening times.

Volunteers are still needed to be in church to act as guides and stewards when the Festival is open. If you are able to spare an hour or two at any time during opening times please see Jonathan White or add your name to the list at the back of church. You may also leave a message for him at the office or on his mobile 07885 504532.

This year's Christmas Fair will form part of the Festival on Saturday 25th November.

There will be fewer stalls than in previous years to accommodate the Christmas trees but we also need volunteers to help with refreshments and running the stalls we have, so please speak to Jonathan or leave him a message to find out what is going on and how you can help.

Any donations for the tombola/lucky dip, cakes, bric-a-brac and crafts/knitted goods can be brought in to church by Friday 24th November.

These events are major fund raising opportunities for St Peter's and as our resources are dwindling it is more important than ever that we raise as much as we can. Please think about how you can help.

We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the display and the Fair, contributing to the upkeep and running of the church and building our community.

St Peter's Pennies

Although the majority of payments are 'cashless' these days we suspect many of us still have piles of coins gathering dust in our homes. If you feel able, please collect them up in a jar and donate them to St Peter's so they can be put towards church expenses. A similar initiative some time ago was very successful, but the habit was lost after Covid. If you still have coins we would be very grateful to receive your donations again.

Making a Donation to St Peter's Collegiate Church

If you would like to donate via our Just Giving Page you can do so by scanning the QR code below



Volunteers needed - Tuesdays and Thursdays

To enable church to open daily we do need a few additional volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It does not need to be a weekly commitment but if you could assist (or are happy to be contacted at short notice to cover an absence), please speak to Deborah Castle.

Friends of the Music AGM

The meeting will take place in church on Sunday 19th November after the 11.15am Eucharist. Paperwork for the meeting is available at the back of church.

Junior Church

The next dates for Junior Church are 19th November, 3rd and 17th December. Could you volunteer to help?

Junior Church is currently short of people to assist. If you could help, please speak to Amy Bertaut.

Ex Cathedra - Christmas Music by Candlelight

Ex Cathedra are performing a series of concerts during December and will be at St Peter's on Saturday 9th December at 7.00pm. For further details there are flyers at the back of church or via www.excathedra.co.uk

Carols Through Time - The Telling - Saturday 16th December - 7.30pm

The Telling are thrilled to return to St Peter's Church with a candlelit carol concert of traditional favourites & unknown medieval gems from around Europe, as heard on their Carol CD: David Mellor's (Classic FM) "absolute favourite" Christmas CD of 2019.

Plus, at 5.45pm - 6.30pm, join singer Clare Norburn for a free singing workshop to learn some of the carols. No experience necessary.

Lunchtime Live!

Our Friday lunchtime recitals continue.
Details of future dates are below;

24th November	No recital	
1st December	Hannah Chiu	Piano
8th December	Felicity Lennard	Recorder
15th December	Callum Alger	Organ

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 service for the coming month will therefore be;

December 6th

St Peter's House - Could you spare a few hours a week?

We need volunteers in St Peter's House to enable the coffee shop to stay open from Tuesday to Friday each week. If you could help, please speak to Sue Bowden.

Church Website

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

Gift Shop

Please have a look in the Gift Shop. Christmas cards are now available.

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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