



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 8th January, 2023 - The Epiphany of our Lord

11.15am - Sung Eucharist

6.30pm - Epiphany Carol Service

The week ahead

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

Tuesday 10th January

9.45am Pebbles

Wednesday 11th January

10.30am Said Eucharist in St John's in the Square

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Thursday 12th January

10.30am Knit and Natter in St Peter's House

Friday 13th January

12.30pm Said Eucharist in the Chancel

Sunday 15th January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Chancel

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 11.15am

The Epiphany

Musical Setting Mass of St Thomas – David Thorne

Introit Hymn

**1. From the eastern mountains,
Pressing on, they come,
Wise men in their wisdom,
To his humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hasting from afar,
Ever journeying onward,
Guided by a star.**

**3. Thou who in a manger
Once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory
O'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the peoples,
Who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness
Of thy guiding star.**

**5. Onward through the darkness
Of the lonely night,
Shining still before them
With thy kindly light,
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,
Homeward from afar,
Young and old together,
By thy guiding star.**

**2. There their Lord and Saviour
As an infant lay,
Wondrous Light that led them
Onward on their way,
Ever now to lighten
Nations from afar,
As they journey homeward
By that guiding star.**

**4. Gather in the outcasts,
All who've gone astray,
Throw thy radiance o'er them,
Guide them on their way;
Those who never knew thee,
Those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness
Of thy guiding star.**

**6. Until every nation,
Whether bond or free,
'Neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follows thee,
O'er the distant mountains
To that heavenly home
Where nor sin nor sorrow
Evermore shall come.**

*Tune: Evelyns (NEH 338)
Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Gradual Hymn

**1. Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

**2. Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**3. By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**4. Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**5. Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen**

*Tune: Stuttgart (NEH 48)
Latin, Prudentius (348-410)
Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

Offertory Hymn

**1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**2. Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and monarch and Saviour of all.**

**3. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**

**4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**5. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

*Tune: Epiphany (NEH 49)
Reginal Heber (1783-1826)*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.**

**2. As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek they mercy seat.**

**3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

**4. Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way,
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**5. In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.**

*Tune: Dix (NEH 47)
W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

Organ Voluntary Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, P.46 - Pachelbel

Wednesday 11th January 2023 - 5.15pm Choral Evensong

Preces and Responses

Peter Nardone

Evening Service in C minor Dyson

Psalm 91

Qui habitat

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.

First Lesson Exodus 15: 1 - 19

Second Lesson Colossians 2: 8 - 15

Anthem Alleluia Jubilate - James Whitbourn

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!**

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

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

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

Notices

Administering Communion

As you approach the altar, please gel your hands.

Move to either side of the altar where you will be offered the consecrated bread.

You can then continue on to receive the consecrated wine from the shared chalice or limit your Communion to bread alone. Please remember that Communion in one kind still constitutes full reception.

Please DO NOT dip your bread into the chalice. This is not recommended on fairly obvious health grounds.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please take your service sheet with you.

Return to your seat via the side aisles as usual.

If you would like gluten free bread at Communion, please just ask.

Bishop Clive to Retire

The Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Rev'd Clive Gregory, has announced that he is to retire at Easter. Clive's final parish service will be here at St Peter's, Wolverhampton on Easter morning, 9th April 2023.

Further details of this announcement can be found on the diocesan website at www.lichfield.anglian.org

St Chad & St Mark - Food Market - Volunteer Drivers needed

A weekly surplus food market is being run at Chad/Mark in partnership with Wolves not Waste. Ray Gaston has said that the market is unfortunately, in the current economic climate, being very well used and they are finding it hard to meet demand. They have recently gained access to FareShare discounted foodstuffs in Nechells, Birmingham but have to collect the food, from Nechells, every Thursday between 10am and 5pm. Although they have a good number of volunteers, they do have a shortage of drivers and wonder if there is anyone, or a group of people, who could help with the Thursday collection. If you know of anyone who could assist, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Coffee Mornings in the City Centre

Deacon Linda Gilson of Wolverhampton City Centre Ministry has organised a series of coffee mornings at K Teas Cakes, St George's Parade, between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Fridays, all are welcome for coffee, tea..... and conversation.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at St Peter's - it is greatly appreciated. National Church guidance requires ALL volunteers to complete the basic online safeguarding training - this needs to be updated every 3 years. If you have previously completed the online training either check the date on your

completion certificate or your online training history to establish if you need to update your training. Final date for updating is 31st January 2023.

The website is safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org. When completed please forward your certificate to dianapolowyj@gmail.com.

St Peter's Calendars

There may be a second batch of calendars ordered if enough people want them. Please see Angela Witheridge if you would be interested in having one. They are a lovely addition to your wall and cost just £10 each.

St Peter's Bell Ringers

Bellringers across the country are making plans to 'Ring for the King' at his coronation next May and a national appeal has been launched to recruit more ringers in time for the coronation. If you would like to learn how to ring or just find out more about bell-ringing, please contact Richard Robson on 01902 790853 or chat to any of the ringers in church.

Amazon Smile

When making purchases from Amazon you can now support your local charities, including The Friends of The Music of St Peter's Collegiate Church.

By shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and selecting your chosen charity, Amazon will make a donation at no extra cost to you.

Friday Lunchtime Recitals

Our Friday recital series continues, and the next recitals are;

13th January - Tom Castle (tenor)

20th January - Harvey Stansfield (organ)

27th January - María Linares (piano)

Gift Shop

Please have a look in the Gift Shop - it is full of good things and new stock arrives regularly.

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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