



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 25th December, 2022 - Christmas Day

11.15am - Choral Eucharist

The week ahead

Church will be closed between Christmas and New Year to give our volunteers a well deserved break.

Sunday 1st January 2023 - The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

11.15am Said Eucharist

Church will be closed on Monday 2nd January for the bank holiday.

The week ahead

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

Friday 6th January

12.30pm Midday Prayer in the Chancel

Sunday 8th January - The Epiphany

11.15am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 25th December 2022 - 11.15am

Christmas Day

Musical Setting Communion Service in F - Sumsion

Introit Hymn

**1. Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.**

**3. He assume this mortal body,
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created
Might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful Law had
sentenced
In the depths of hell to lie.
Evermore and evermore.**

**5. This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! He comes, the promised
Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.**

**2. By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.**

**4. O how blest that wondrous
birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.**

**6. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his
praises
Angels and archangels sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.**

Tune: Divinum Mysterium (NEH 33)

Prudentius (348-413)

Tr R. F. Davis (1866-1937)

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 9: 2 - 7

Gradual Hymn

**1. While shepherds watched their
flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.**

**3. 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:**

**5. Thus spake the seraph; and
forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:**

**2. 'Fear not', said he (for mighty
dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.**

**4. 'The heavenly babe you there
shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing
bands, And in a manger laid.'**

**6. 'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven
to men
Begin and never cease.'**

*Tune: Winchester Old (NEH 42)
Nahum Tate (1652-1715)*

Gospel

Luke 2.1-20

Offertory Hymn

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the
Lord!**

**3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with
lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us, etc.**

**2. God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
O come, let us, etc.**

**4. Lo! star-led chieftans,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:
O come, let us, etc.**

**5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee with awe and
love;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
*O come, let us, etc.***

**6. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God
in the highest:"
*O come, let us, etc.***

**7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given:
word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us, etc.***

*Tune: Adeste fidelis (NEH 30)
Latin, 18th century
Tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-80) and others*

Post Communion Motet Nativity Carol – John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.***

**2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark...***

**3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark...**

*Tune: Mendelssohn (NEH 26)
Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

Organ Voluntary In dulci júbilo, BWV 729 – J. S. Bach

Sunday 1st January 2023 - 11.15am The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel Luke 2.15-21

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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.

Grand Christmas Raffle

Thank you for your support. The raffle raised £399 which is very welcome and goes alongside the £1 230 raised at the Christmas Fair.

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 returns in the new year, and the next recitals are;

6th January - Charles Francis (organ)

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.

Church Opening After Christmas

Church will be closed from Monday 26th to Friday 30th December inclusive. We will reopen for a Said Eucharist on Sunday 1st January at 11.15am. There will be no evening service on New Year's Day and we will again be closed on Monday 2nd January, which is a bank holiday. Normal opening will resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

St Peter's House

The House will reopen on Wednesday 4th January. The volunteers wish you all a very happy Christmas.

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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