



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 18th December, 2022 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.15am - Choral Eucharist

6.30pm - Evening Prayer

The week ahead

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

Monday 19th December

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 20th December

9.45am Pebbles

7.00pm Advent Conversation Group - St Peter's House

Wednesday 21st December

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

Thursday 22nd December

7.00pm Nova Nova! A Christmas Concert by our choir

Friday 23rd December

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Chancel

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Nativity Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

Sunday 18th December 2022 - 11.15am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Musical Setting Messe cum Jubilo - Duruflé

Advent Prose

Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

**Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:

Fear not, for I will save thee:

For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

**Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Introit Hymn

**1. Come, thou Redeemer of the
earth,
And manifest thy virgin-birth:
Let every age adoring fall,
Such birth befits the God of all.**

**2. Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
The Saviour, now to men displayed.**

**3. O equal to thy father, thou!
Gird on the fleshly mantle now,
Thy weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate**

**4. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with new-born
light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their
power display.**

**5. O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

*Tune: Puer nobis nascitur (NEH 19)
St Ambrose (340-397)
Tr J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
and others*

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 7: 10 - 16

Gradual Hymn

**1. The race that long in darkness
pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.**

**2. To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear
The harvest-treasures home.**

**3. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son us given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.**

**4. His name shall be the Prince of
Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.**

**5. His power increasing still shall
spread;
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.**

*Tune: Dundee (NEH 57)
John Morrison (1750-1798)
Based on Isaiah 9: 2-7*

Gospel Matthew 1: 18 - end

Offertory Hymn

**1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast the child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.**

**2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her
through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.**

**3. Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word;
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.**

**4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home;
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with
grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face**

*Tune: Abbot's Leigh (NEH 185)
G. B. Timms (1910-1997)*

Post Communion Motet Ave maris stella - Grieg

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.**

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary full of grace.*

**2. Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessèd far the mother
She who bore him in her womb.**

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary full of grace.*

**3. Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.**

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary full of grace.*

**4. Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.**

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary full of grace.*

**5. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.
 *Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
 Hail Mary full of grace.***

*Tune: Daily, daily (NEH 188)
V. S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)*

Organ Voluntary Carillon de le Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12 - Duruflé

Evening Prayer - 6.30pm

Please see separate service sheet

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.

Junior Church

Junior Church will be taking place this week and will include a mini Christmas Party.

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.

Nova, Nova! - A Candlelit concert of music and readings.

Telling the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, this concert sung by the Choirs of St Peter's will take place on Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm.

Tickets £10/U18 Free available via Trybooking



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.

Advent Bible Conversations - Mince Pies and Mulled Drinks

This Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00pm at St Peter's House. Take time away from the hustle and bustle to prepare for Christmas with a relaxed discussion of Bible passages over warm drinks and mince pies. We'll continue our journey together this Tuesday, taking a look at Mary. It's not a course - each week's 'conversation' stands alone so you can come along even if you haven't been before. Please speak to Clare if you would like to know more.

There is a link below for this week's conversation

https://scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/conversations-advent-study/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlxpT9wdrW-wIVyNPtCh34fQa5EAAYASAAEgJKUvD_BwE

Christmas Cards for People at Church

We will not be putting the church mailbox out this year because, in previous years, we have been left with a significant number of unclaimed cards at the end of Christmas, which have had to go into the recycling. If you have a card for someone in church, please just give it to them directly.

City Centre Developments - Lichfield Street and Queen Square

The City Council is once again consulting on a possible road scheme for the city centre which could directly affect access to church and the availability of disabled parking close by. You will find details at

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/citycentrepUBLICrealm where you will also be able to leave any comments. Should you wish to comment, you might want to stress the huge importance of maintaining the current level of access to the church via Lich Gates for volunteers and blue badge holders.

To submit your thoughts by letter, please write to Ruth Taylor, Service Lead, Transport Strategy, City of Wolverhampton Council, Civic Centre, WV1 1RP.

Comments were sought by 9th December, but if you haven't yet made your thoughts known please do so asap as the Council will still consider them.

Children's Nativity Drama

As part of our 4.00pm service on Christmas Eve there will be another fun drama based on the Christmas story. We can include children of all ages, but need some confident readers to take the larger roles. If you would like to be involved, please see The Rector. We will distribute scripts on Sunday.

There will be a run through on Christmas Eve at 2.30pm ahead of the service itself.

Christmas Events Leaflets

These are now available in church. Please distribute them if you can so that people know what is happening here during Advent and at Christmas.

Grand Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale. Please sell as many as you can as this is a significant source of income for us. There are some great prizes to be won. We will draw the raffle at Thursday's concert, so please make sure that you return your tickets, with the money, before then.

St Peter's Calendars for sale

The calendars have now been ordered. Due to postal strikes they may take a little longer than usual to deliver but we will let you know as soon as they arrive. They are expected soon.

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

As our Friday recital series goes from strength to strength, the next recitals are;

23rd December - no recital

6th January - Charles Francis (organ)

13th January - Tom Castle (tenor)

20th January - Harvey Stansfield (organ)

27th January - María Linares (piano)

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop now has new items in stock for Advent and Christmas, including Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and gifts. There is still the 10-page (concertina) 'Illustrated Timeline' publication which uniquely charts the life and reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II. 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 close at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st December and 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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