



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 9th November 2025 - Remembrance Day

11.15am Civic Service of Remembrance in the Nave (Drumhead Service starting at 10.45am in St Peter's Square)

6.30pm Choral Eucharist in the Nave

The week ahead

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

Tuesday 11th November

10.00am Pebbles

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

Wednesday 12th November

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Friday 14th November

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Memorial Chapel

Sunday 16th November - Second Sunday before Advent

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Sunday 9th November 2025 - 11.15am

Civic Service of Remembrance

Please see separate service sheet

Choral Eucharist - 6.30pm

Musical Setting

Messe de Requiem - Alain

Introit Hymn

**1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Tune: Melita (NEH 354)

Words: William Whiting (1825-78)

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 5, 13 - end

Gradual Hymn

**1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**5. Breathe through the heats of our
desires
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind
and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

**2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

*Tune: Repton (NEH 353)
Words: John Whittier (1807-92)*

Gospel

Luke 20. 27 - 38

Offertory Hymn

**1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**3. I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

*Tune: Eventide (NEH 331)
Words: H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)*

Post Communion Motet Civitas sancti tui - Byrd

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;**

**2. Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**4. A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.**

*Tune: St Anne (NEH 417)
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Organ Voluntary

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Choral Evensong - 5.15pm

Preces & Responses

Archer

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

Burgon

Psalm 37

Noli aemulari

- 1: Fret not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.
- 2: For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3: Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4: Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
- 5: Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him : and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6: He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
- 7: Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
- 8: Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
- 9: Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
- 10: Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone : thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
- 11: But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
- 12: The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just: and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 13: The Lord shall laugh him to scorn : for he hath seen that his day is coming.
- 14: The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow : to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.
- 15: Their sword shall go through their own heart: and their bow shall be broken.
- 16: A small thing that the righteous hath : is better than great riches of the ungodly.
- 17: For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken : and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18: The Lord knoweth the days of the godly : and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

19: They shall not be confounded in the perilous time : and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.

20: As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs : yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.

21: The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again : but the righteous is merciful and liberal.

22: Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land : and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

23: The Lord ordereth a good man's going : and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

24: Though he fall, he shall not be cast away : for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25: I have been young, and now am old : and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

26: The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.

27: Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good : and dwell for evermore.

28: For the Lord loveth the thing that is right : he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

29: The unrighteous shall be punished : as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

30: The righteous shall inherit the land : and dwell therein for ever.

31: The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom : and his tongue will be talking of judgement.

32: The law of his God is in his heart : and his goings shall not slide.

33: The ungodly seeth the righteous : and seeketh occasion to slay him.

34: The Lord will not leave him in his hand : nor condemn him when he is judged.

35: Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land : when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

36: I myself have seen the ungodly in great power: and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

37: I went by, and lo, he was gone : I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

38: Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right : for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

39: As for the transgressors, they shall perish together : and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

40: But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord : who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

41: And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them : he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

First Lesson

Leviticus 26. 3 - 13

Second Lesson

Titus 2. 1 - 10

Anthem

We will remember them - Madden

Hymn

**1. Oft in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the Bread of Life.**

**2. Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?**

**3. Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon shall tune your song.**

**4. Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.**

**5. Onward then in battle move;
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.**

*Tune: Universtiy College (NEH 434)
Words: Henry Kirke White (1785-1806)*

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

Our Presidents and Preachers for the next few Sundays will be:

9th November	Civic Remembrance Service Choral Eucharist	Very Rev Adrian Dorber Rev Paul Farthing
16th November	Choral Eucharist Choral Evensong	Ven Canon Liz Jackson Lay led
23rd November	Choral Eucharist Choral Evensong	Rev Preb. Dr Sarah Schofield Rev Paul Farthing
30th November	Choral Eucharist Advent Carol Service	Ven Canon Liz Jackson Rev Preb. Dr Sarah Schofield

Thank You from the Harris Clan

Bernard, Kath and Deborah would like to say thank you on behalf of the whole Harris family for the kind wishes, cards and prayers of the people from St Peter's following the death of Gwen.

It has been a real comfort to know that so many people were holding us in their thoughts.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the collection in Gwen's memory. She first came to St Peter's with Bernard because of the choir and £240 was donated, in her memory, to the Friends of the Music.

Civic Service of Remembrance - Sunday 9th November

On Sunday 9th November there will be no access to Wulfruna Street from 8.00am. Free parking will be available in the Civic Centre car park (entry via North Street). All are welcome to this service which will begin with the Drumhead Service in the Civic Square. There will be a Choral Eucharist at 6.30pm in the Nave.

Wolverhampton Chamber Choir Concert: 3pm, Saturday 8th November.

'For All the Saints' - Music spanning several centuries in the radiant acoustic of SS Peter and Paul, including Victoria's 'Missa O quam gloriosum' and Britten's 'Hymn to St Cecilia'. Free parking in the SS Peter and Paul carpark (51 North Street WV1 1RJ) by entering registration number on tablet in church on arrival. Tickets £15 (under 18s free) on the door or online by scanning the code.



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Fringe Arts Wolves - 28th/29th/30th November

The first Fringe Arts Wolves, an arts festival that blends contemporary culture with the spirit of the season.

Starting with a lantern parade which culminates in St Peter's Square, where light projections transform St Peter's Church and St Peter's House into a living artwork. Continuing with multiple art exhibitions and much more. For full details please use the following link [**Fringe Art Wolves**](#)

Advent Carols - Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm

Replacing our service of Choral Evensong we have a traditional candlelit service of Advent Carols.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 6th December - 10.30am - 2.30pm

This is a major fund raiser for the Church and we would like to get as many people involved as possible. If you would like to run a stall or help in any way please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact Jonathan White 07885 504532 [**jfmw@globalnet.co.uk**](mailto:jfmw@globalnet.co.uk)

If you would like to run your own stall we will be offering tables for a one off fee of £10 or £20 per small or large table - you keep any profit.

Donations such as Raffle Prizes, Bottles, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Lucky dip/Tombola prizes, Books CD's DVD's can be brought to church any time before the event.

Please supply a list of ingredients in any Homemade cake and baking. They should be brought in the day before or on the day.

There will be a Grand Raffle. Please take and sell as many tickets as you can. The draw will be held at the Choir Concert on the evening of the Fair.

Choir Concert - Saturday 6th December

Time and details to be confirmed.

Ex Cathedra - Christmas Music by Candlelight - Saturday 13th December at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church

Ex Catherdra return with a concert of both familiar melodies and wondrous discoveries to make you smile as well as reflect. For full details and to book please go to www.excathedra.co.uk

Nine Lessons and Carols - Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm

The traditional service of readings and carols by candlelight.

Junior Church

Junior Church will take place on the following dates.

16th November

30th November

14th December

Lunchtime Live!

These free Friday lunchtime recitals take place at 1.15pm on the following dates;

14th November

Alex Wyatt

Piano

21st November

Jessica Johnson (former chorister)

Voice

28th November

Otium Saxophone Quartet

South Door Access

Unfortunately, following the recent problem with the stonework, there will be no access to St Peter's through the South Porch for the foreseeable future to allow remedial works to take place.

We do however have temporary ramped access via the West door. Please ask if you need to use the ramp.

Church Website

Our church website is now back up and running. Details can be found at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Peter-Wolverhampton>

Pastoral support at St Peter's

There is a small team of volunteers to offer support to members of our church community in time of need. The volunteers are;

Kath Harrow

Di Polowyj

Michael Oginni

Akosua Ankrah

Photography/Filming

Could we please ask that no photography or filming takes place during our services for safeguarding reasons.

Good Shepherd Food Donations

There is 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.

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

Contactless Payments

A contactless machine for donations is at the back of church. It is possible to gift aid your donation by following the onscreen instructions (you only need do this once).

St Peter's welcomes donations via our 'Give a Little' page, by using the following link **St Peter's - Give a Little** or by scanning the QR code



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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