



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 14th September 2025 - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Holy Cross Day)

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong 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 16th September

10.00am Pebbles

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

Wednesday 17th September

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Friday 19th September

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Memorial Chapel

Sunday 21st September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
(St Matthew)

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Sunday 14th September 2025 - 11.15am

Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

Darke in A minor

Introit Hymn

**1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
as a victim won the day.**

**2. Tell how, when at length the fullness
of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
left for us His Father's home,
blazed the path of true obedience,
shone as light amidst the gloom.**

**3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing,
did His work, and met His death;
like a lamb He humbly yielded
on the cross His dying breath.**

**4. Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
be for all the noblest tree;
none in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit your equal be;
symbol of the world's redemption,
for the weight that hung on thee!**

**5. Unto God be praise and glory:
to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal Spirit honor
now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest,
while the timeless ages run**

Tune: Pange Lingua (NEH 78)

Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Philippians 2. 6 - 11

Gradual Hymn

**1. In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance
streaming,
Adds more lustre to the day.**

**2. When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and
pleasure,
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

*Tune: Wychbold (NEH 379)
Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)*

Gospel

John 3. 13 - 17

Offertory Hymn

**1. Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.**

**3. Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Doth the world redeem.**

**5. Oft as it is sprinkled
On our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
Terror-struck departs.**

**7. Lift ye then your voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious Blood.**

**2. Grace and life eternal
In that Blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**4. Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the Blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**6. Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Hell with terror trembles
Heaven is filled with joy.**

*Tune: Caswall (NEH 83)
Words: Italian (author unknown)
Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come
from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.**

**2. And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned,
and died
For love of those who loved him not.**

**3. But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.**

**4. It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.**

**5. And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.**

*Tune: Herongate (NEH 84)
Words: W. Walsham How (1823-97)*

Organ Voluntary

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces & Responses

Clucas

Evening Service in D minor

Walmisley

Opening Hymn

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.**

**Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell.**

**From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on his Cross adore their Saviour King.**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

**For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before thy throne.**

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Tune: Crucifer (CP 499)

Words: G. W. Kitchen (1827-1912) & M. R. Newbolt (1874-1956)

Psalm 110

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- 1: The Lord said unto my Lord : Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2: The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion : be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
- 3: In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
- 4: The Lord sware, and will not repent : Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.
- 5: The Lord upon thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6: He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies : and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.
- 7: He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

Psalm 150

- 1: Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2: Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3: Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre.
- 4: Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5: Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
- 6: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia.

First Lesson

Isaiah 63. 1 - 16

Office Hymn

1. The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

Tune: Vexilla Regis (NEH 79)

Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Tr. Mainly by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1. 18 - 25

Anthem

Crucifixus - Lotti

Hymn

**1. When I survey the wondrous Cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**4. His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**

**5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Tune: Rockingham (NEH 95)
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Organ Voluntary

Wednesday 17th September 2025 Choral Evensong - 5.15pm

Preces & Responses

Nardone

Evening Service in G

Porter

Psalm 136

Confitemini

- 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2: O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 3: O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 4: Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 5: Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 6: Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 7: Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 8: The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 9: The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 10: Who smote Egypt with their first-born : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 11: And brought out Israel from among them : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 12: With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 13: Who divided the Red sea in two parts : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 14: And made Israel to go through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 15: But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 16: Who led his people through the wilderness : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 17: Who smote great kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 18: Yea, and slew mighty kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 19: Sehon king of the Amorites : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 20: And Og the king of Basan : for his mercy endureth for ever;

21: And gave away their land for an heritage : for his mercy endureth for ever;
22: Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant : for his mercy endureth for ever.
23: Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;
24: And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.
25: Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.
26: O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.
27: O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

First Lesson

Judges 4. 1 - 10

Second Lesson

Romans 1. 8 - 17

Anthem

Nunc aperuit - Hildegard of Bingen

Hymn

**1. I am that great and fiery force
sparkling in everything that lives;
in shining of the river's course,
in greening grass that glory gives.**

**2. I shine in glitter on the seas,
in burning sun, in moon and stars.
In unseen wind, in verdant trees
I breathe within, both near and far.**

**3. And where I breathe there is no
death,
and meadows glow with beauties rife.
I am in all, the spirit's breath,
the thundered word, for I am Life.**

*Tune: Duke Street)
Words: Saint Hildegard*

Organ Voluntary

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:

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| 14th September | Choral Eucharist | The Venerable Liz Jackson, AD of Walsall |
| | Choral Evensong | Rev Paul Farthing |
| 21st September | Choral Eucharist | Rev Adrian Dorber |
| | Choral Evensong | Lay led |
| 28th September | Choral Eucharist | Rev Preb. Dr Sarah Schofield |
| | Choral Evensong | Rev Paul Farthing |
| 5th October | Choral Eucharist | Rev Adrian Dorber |
| | Choral Evensong | Lay led |

Girls' Choir Reunion - Evensong - Saturday 13th September, 5.00pm

A reunion evensong is being held for all current and former girl choristers. Everyone is welcome to join us for this service.

Harvest Festival - 5th October

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October, when we will collect gifts of non-perishable foods to be given to the Good Shepherd Ministry. There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards, so please think about what you might be able to offer. It would be great to share food from the many diverse cultures of our congregation.

Friends of the Music Weekend - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October

We will be giving thanks for the music at St Peter's during The Friends of the Music Weekend.

On Saturday 11th October there will be a Quiz Night with Hotdogs and Burgers in St Peter's House, starting at 6pm. The cost is £15 for adults and £5 for children. If you would like to come, please get in touch with the parish office.

On Sunday 12th October there will be a festival Eucharist, followed by the AGM and a special choral evensong.

Junior Church

Junior Church will return on Sunday 14th September.

As Amy has now left us to start her ordination training, it is even more important that we try to get more Junior Church leaders and helpers.

Lunchtime Live!

These free recitals will be commencing again on Friday 19th September, details are below:

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| 19th September | B4 Bones | Trombone ensemble |
| 26th September | Matthew Munro | Piano |
| 3rd October | Ronald Shillingford | Organ |

Chancel Window Repairs

The scaffolding has been installed and work has begun on the windows. The Chancel will now be out of use until February 2026.

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.

Finance

Could you reconsider your financial giving to St Peter's. We are very grateful for all of the gifts we receive, but when was the last time you increased the amount you give? Would you be able to increase your regular giving by the rate of inflation? Do please think prayerfully about any contribution you can make. We receive nothing other than that which is given.

Church Website

Our church website is now back up and running. Details can be found at [**https://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Peter-Wolverhampton**](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;

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| Kath Harrow | Di Polowyj | Michael Oginni |
| Akosua Ankrah | | |

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.

Photography/Filming

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

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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