



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

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*

Wednesday 25th February

5.15pm No Choral Evensong this week

Friday 27th February

12.30pm Said Eucharist (BCP) in the Memorial Chapel

1.15pm Lunchtime Live! Jack Harrison - Piano

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

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Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

De Lioncourt Mass in G flat

Lent Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

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Introit Hymn

**1. My God, I love thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not
Are lost eternally.**

**2. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace,**

**3. And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself; and all for one
Who was thine enemy.**

**4. Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,
Should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Nor of escaping hell;**

**5. Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as thyself has lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord.**

**6. E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing,
Solely because thou art my God,
And my eternal King.**

Tune: St Francis Xavier (NEH 73 (t. ii))

Words: 17th Century Latin

Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Romans 5. 12 - 19

Gradual 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)*

Gospel

Matthew 4. 1 - 11

Offertory Hymn

**1. My spirit longs for thee
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.**

**2. Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from thee.**

**3. Unless it come from thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.**

**4. No rest is to be found
But in thy blessed love:
O, let my wish be crowned,
And send it from above!**

*Tune: Quam Dilecta (NEH 471)
Words: William Bullock (1798-1874) and
H. W. Baker (1821-1877)*

Post Communion Motet

If Ye Love Me - Wilby

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final Hymn

**1. Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**3. Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.**

**5. So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.**

**2. Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.**

*Tune: Aus Der Tiefe (NEH 67)
Words: G. H. Smyttan (1822-70)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

Organ Voluntary

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces & Responses plainsong

Fauxbourdons Evening Service Moore

Opening Hymn

**1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**2. Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

*Tune: Petra (NEH 445)
Words: Augustus Toplady (1740-78)*

Psalm 135

Laudate Nomen

1: O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

2: Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts of the house of our God.

3: O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

4: For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself : and Israel for his own possession.

5: For I know that the Lord is great : and that our Lord is above all gods.

6: Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth : and in the sea, and in all deep places.

7: He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

8: He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of man and beast.

9: He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
 10: He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings;
 11: Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan : and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
 12: And gave their land to be an heritage : even an heritage unto Israel his people.
 13: Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
 14: For the Lord will avenge his people : and be gracious unto his servants.
 15: As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold : the work of men's hands.
 16: They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, but they see not.
 17: They have ears, and yet they hear not : neither is there any breath in their mouths.
 18: They that make them are like unto them : and so are all they that put their trust in them.
 19: Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel : praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
 20: Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi : ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
 21: Praised be the Lord out of Sion : who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6. 4 - 9, 16 - end

Office Hymn 60

1. O kind Creator, bow thine ear
 To mark the cry, to know the tear
 Before thy throne of mercy spent
 In this thy holy fast of Lent.

2. Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
 Thou knowest our infirmity;
 Pour out on all who seek thy face
 Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

3. Our sins are many, this we know;
 Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
 And for the honour of thy name
 Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

4. Give us the self-control that springs
 From discipline of outward things,
 That fasting inward secretly
 The soul may purely dwell with thee.

5. We pray thee, Holy Trinity,
 One God, unchanging Unity,
 That we from this our abstinence
 May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

*Tune: Audi Benigne (NEH 60 (t. i))
 Words: Latin, St Gregory (540-604)
 Tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)*

Second Lesson

Luke 15. 1 - 10

Anthem

Nolo Mortem - Morley

Hymn

**1. Be thou my guardian and my guide,
And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.**

**3. And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.**

**2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.**

**4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.**

*Tune: Abridge (NEH 64)
Words: Isaac Williams (1802-65)*

**Wednesday 25th February 2026
No Choral Evensong this week**

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:

22nd February	Choral Eucharist	Rev Paul Farthing
	Choral Evensong	Ven Canon Liz Jackson
1st March	Choral Eucharist	Rev Preb. Paul Brown
	Choral Evensong	Rev Paul Farthing
8th March	Choral Eucharist	Very Rev Adrian Dorber
	Choral Evensong	Ven Canon Liz Jackson
15th March	Choral Eucharist	Rev Preb. Dr Sarah Schofield
	Choral Evensong	Rev Paul Farthing

Licensing Service for Rev Jeremy Dussek - Monday 13th April - 7.00pm

We are pleased to confirm that Bishop Michael will be licensing the Rev Jeremy Dussek to his new role of Priest in Charge of Central Wolverhampton and Rector Designate of the Parish of the Collegiate Church of St Peter and St John-in-the-Square, Wolverhampton, on Monday 13th April at 7.00pm, at St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers needed for Coffee Rota

We are in need of more people to join the coffee rota for preparing drinks after the Sunday Eucharist. If you could help, please see one of the helpers.

Works due to commence on 9th February for Phase 2/Part 2 of the City Centre Improvement works on upper Darlington Street/Lichfield Street.

We have been informed by the City Council that work on Queen Square and Lichfield Street will begin on 9th February. Work will take place during the week, so Sundays should not be affected.

Ecumenical Lent Lunchtime Talks, 2026 - 'Faith through Art'

Soup and rolls will be available from 12.00 noon, the talk will begin at 12.30 pm promptly and finish by 1.00 pm, including time for discussion.

All talks will take place in St Peter's Coffee Shop,
4 Exchange Street WV1 1TS

Monday 23rd February Monsignor Canon Mark Crisp - Roman Catholic
Dean, Wolverhampton

Monday 2nd March TBC

Monday 9th March Rev'd Prebendary Dr. Sarah Schofield Lead
Chaplain, University of Wolverhampton

Monday 16th March Alexis Pottinger Regnum Mariae Secular Institute

Monday 23rd March Deacon Linda Gilson Methodist City Centre
Minister, Wolverhampton & Mayor's Chaplain

St Peter's Academy Production of Ghost - Tue 24th Feb - Fri 27th Feb

St Peter's Collegiate Academy's full school production of Ghost is taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 24th through to Friday 27th February at the school. A number of our choristers/servers are involved in this so it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets are available by using the QR code.



Wolverhampton Chamber Choir - J S Bach - St John Passion - Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm St John's in the Square

Tom Castle - Evangelist

The Salomon Ensemble directed by Geoffrey Weaver

Tickets £15 online or from choir members or by using the QR code



Cantoras Concert - Saturday 21st March - 7.00pm

Cantoras Upper Voices Chamber Choir are performing Stabat Mater by Kim André Arnesen and Sanctum by Sarah Quartel in St Peter's Church. Fliers for the concert are available at the back of church. Tickets are £15 and can be obtained from www.cantoraschoir.com or by using the QR code.



If you could help with refreshments and stewarding on the evening please speak to a Churchwarden.

St Peter's House Coffee Shop

Following professional advice, the coffee shop is closed until a suitably qualified manager can be appointed.

This is to ensure that health and safety standards are maintained for our volunteers and customers.

St Peter's Car Park

Whilst the barrier may be down, St Peter's congregation are allowed to park on Sunday mornings and evenings. A new key pad has been installed to allow entry and exit if the barrier is down. The code is 2642. (This is strictly for use on Sundays only).

Junior Church

Junior Church will take place on the following dates;

22nd February

8th March

22nd March

Lunchtime Live!

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

27th February

Jack Harrison

Piano

6th March

Elli-Mae McGlone

Organ

13th March

Adam Heron

Organ

20th March

Amy Cox

Piano

27th March

Amica Kuroda & Florence

Voice

Cockerill

Church Website

Our church website is 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.

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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