



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

Sunday 15th March 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

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 18th March

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Friday 20th March

12.30pm Said Eucharist (Common Worship) in the Memorial Chapel

1.15pm Lunchtime Live! Amy Cox - Piano

Saturday 21st March

7.00pm Cantoras Upper Voices Chamber Choir Concert

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Sunday 15th March 2026 - 11.15am

Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

Missa Brevis - Caesar

Lent Prose

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

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Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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Introit Hymn

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**5. For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**2. For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and
flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends
above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**6. For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:**

*Tune: England's Lane (NEH 285 (t. i))
Words: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7

Gradual Hymn

**1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.**

**2. Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**3. Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May thy love grow clearer,
May I love thee more.**

**4. Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.**

**5. Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.**

*Tune: Pastor Pastorum (NEH 282)
Words: T. B. Pollock (1836-96)*

Gospel

Luke 2. 33 - 35

Offertory Hymn

**1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his 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 man's 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)
Words: G. B. Timms (1910-97)*

Post Communion Motet The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

*Tune: Nun Danket (NEH 413)
Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)*

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces & Responses

Plainsong

Evening Service in G

Sumsion

Opening Hymn

1.

**1. Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.**

**3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**2. Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.**

**4. Plenteous grace with thee is
found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.**

*Tune: Aberystwyth (NEH 383 (t. ii))
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

Psalm 31. 1 - 16

In te Domine speravi

1: In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2: Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

3: And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

4: For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5: Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

6: Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

7: I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities : and my trust hath been in the Lord.

8: I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy : for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9: Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy : but hast set my feet in a large room.

10: Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11: For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.

12: My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.

13: I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours : and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.

14: I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind : I am become like a broken vessel.

15: For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude : and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

16: But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.

First Lesson

Ephesians 5. 8 - 14

Office Hymn

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

John 9

Anthem

View Me Lord - Wood

Hymn

**1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.**

**2. Where streams of living water
flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures
grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

**3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**5. Thou spread'st a table in my
sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6. And so through all the length of
days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy
praise
Within thy house for ever.**

Tune: Dominus Regit Me (NEH 457 (t. ii))

Words: H. W. Baker (1821-77)

**Wednesday 18th March 2026
Choral Evensong - 5.15pm**

Preces & Responses

Plainsong

Evening Service

Porter

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

1: The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2: One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

3: There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

4: Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

5: In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
 6: It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
 7: The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
 8: The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
 9: The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
 10: More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
 11: Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.
 12: Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
 13: Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
 14: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,
 15: O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 13. 20 - 27

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1.17 - 2.3

Anthem

Long Since in Egypt's Plentious Land - Parry

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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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)*

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:

15th March	Choral Eucharist	Rev Preb. Dr Sarah Schofield
	Choral Evensong	Rev Paul Farthing
22nd March	Choral Eucharist	Rev Preb. Paul Brown
	Choral Evensong	Lay led

Volunteers needed for daily church opening rota

We are in need of more people to join the rota for being in church during the week from 11.00am to 2.00pm. We are particularly in need of volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but if you could offer any other day, do let us know.

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 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 Jazz Concert - Monday 16th March - 7.30pm

'Swing Sinatra and all that...' 100 years of recorded Jazz

For the first time ever, St Peter's Collegiate Academy Big Band will join forces with the NC Big Band from Oldbury to present a programme of Jazz, Swing and Popular music including vocal numbers from Rich Hazlewood.

Tickets available (£10) from the Academy website, from the QR code or on the door. Hayward Theatre, St Peter's Collegiate Academy



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.



Holy Week Exhibition

From Saturday 28th March to Saturday 4th April, we will be hosting an Art Exhibition in church of works by local artists depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

If you could help us to provide stewards for the Saturdays (11am - 3pm), please speak to a churchwarden.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies for Easter in memory of a loved one, please take and complete a form from the stewards table and return it with your donation in a sealed envelope.

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.

Ex Cathedra present 'The Garden of Love' - Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm, St Peter's Collegiate Church

Ex Cathedra Scholars Ensemble conducted by Jeffrey Skidmore perform selections from Claude Le Jeune, Eric Whitacre, Palestrina and Jean-Yves Daniel-Lesur. Tickets can be booked at www.excathedra.co.uk

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 March

12th April

26th April

Lunchtime Live!

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

13th March

Adam Heron

Organ

20th March

Amy Cox

Piano

27th March

Amica Kuroda & Florence
Cockerill

Voice

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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