



St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton

This week's music and notices

**Sunday 13th September 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity -
Holy Cross**

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 16th September

5.15pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Thursday 17th September

12.30pm Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Friday 18th September

1.15pm Lunchtime Live! John Wilderspin - Organ

Sunday 20th September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.15am Choral Eucharist in the Nave

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Nave

Sunday 13th September 2026 - 11.15am

Choral Eucharist

Musical Setting

Four Part Mass - Byrd

Introit Hymn

**1. Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life he gave;
Before the Cross in faith we fall,
And own it strong to save.**

**2. 'One offering, single and complete,'
With lips and hearts we say;
But what he never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.**

**3. For as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;**

**4. So he, who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents himself for those he bought
In that dark noontide hour.**

**5. His Manhood pleads where now it
lives
On heaven's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite he gives
Its presence to his own.**

**6. And so we show thy death, O Lord,
Till thou again appear,
And feel, when we approach thy board,
We have an altar here.**

Tune: Albano (NEH 304)

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 14. 1 - 12

Gradual Hymn

**1. We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.**

**2. Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.**

**3. The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;**

**5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.**

*Tune: Bow Brickhill (NEH 94)
Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)*

Gospel

Matthew 18. 21 -35

Offertory Hymn

**1. We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.**

**2. Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One body with one head.**

**3. O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token
We break in thy dear name.**

**4. O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord.**

*Tune: Offertorium (NEH 310)
Words: Richard Parsons (1882-1948)*

Post Communion Motet

Crux Fidelis – John IV

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final 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)*

Organ Voluntary

Choral Evensong - 6.30pm

Preces & Responses

Rose

Evening Service in G

Sumsion

Opening Hymn

**1. There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.**

**3. He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.**

**5. O, dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.**

**2. We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

**4. There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.**

*Tune: Horsley (NEH 92)
Words: Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-95)*

Psalm 119. 41 - 56

Beati immaculati

41: Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

42: So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in thy word.

43: O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in thy judgements.

44: So shall I alway keep thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

45: And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy commandments.

46: I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

47: And my delight shall be in thy commandments : which I have loved.

48: My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in thy statutes.

49: O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

50: The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

51: The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrunked from thy law.

52: For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord : and received comfort.

53: I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

54: Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

55: I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept thy law.

56: This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 20. 1 - 8, 33 - 44

Office Hymn - Vexilla Regis

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.

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.

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.

Tune: Vexilla Regis (NEH 79)
Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Second Lesson

Acts 20. 17 - end

Anthem

Lead me Lord – Paul Mealor

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.**

**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.**

**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?**

**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: Engelberg (NEP 646)
Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Organ Voluntary

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Choral Evensong - 5.15pm

Preces & Responses

Nardone

**Collegium Magdalanae
Oxoniense**

White

Psalm 119. 65 - 80

Beati immaculati

65: O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

66: O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

67: Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

68: Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

69: The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

70: Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

71: It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

72: The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

73: Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74: They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

75: I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76: O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

77: O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

78: Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

79: Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

80: O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

First Lesson

Proverbs 2. 1 - 15

Second Lesson

Colossians 1. 9 - 20

Anthem

Saint Richard's Prayer - Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Hymn

**1. O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!**

**3. The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.**

**2. Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.**

**4. So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.**

*Tune: Caithness (NEH 414)
Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)*

Organ Voluntary

Notices

We welcome on Sunday Revd Chijioke Ikenna, presiding and preaching at our 11.15am service, Revd Allen Roberts, who will be officiating at Choral Evensong and Revd Alison Bruton, who will be officiating at Choral Evensong on Wednesday.

Prayers for the week

- Our political parties, as they hold their annual conferences in the next few weeks, giving thanks for the gift of democracy, our MPs and Councillors representing us here in the city.
- The Choir, as a new term begins, giving thanks for the ministry of Elli-Mae, Nicky, Matt and Ellie, who are leading and developing the work of the choir at this time.
- The Ministry of Junior Church, as a new term begins.

Mayor's Civic Service

On Wednesday 30th September we will celebrate the ministry of Paul, our Mayor, with a special choral evensong at 5pm where we will be joined by councillors, our church choir, a Gospel choir and the charities which Paul is supporting. Drinks will follow the service, at the West End of the Church.

St Francis 800

Sunday 4th October marks the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis in 1226. 800 years on, his legacy and life continue to inspire and guide millions of people living their daily lives through the world. There will be special services at 11.15am and **4pm**, which will be **All creatures of our God and King**, a Pet Service giving thanks for Francis' love of creation. Do join us for that celebration and bring your pets (or pictures or pet cuddly toys!)

New Appointments

Fr Jeremy and the Churchwardens of St Peter and St John are delighted to announce the new appointments of:

- Aaron Humphryss, as Operations Manager and Rector's PA - Aaron will begin work with us mid September
- Alison Bruton, as Assistant Priest - Alison will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Walsall on 11th October at Evensong
- Pauline, as Apprentice Chaplain at St Peter's and St Regis' Academies who has now started and will be welcomed with Aaron and Alison next month.

Junior Church

Junior Church is taking place on the following dates:

September 20th	October 18th	November 15th	December 13th
		November 29th	

If you would like to help with Junior Church, please speak to Lindsay White.

Lunchtime Live!

The free Friday lunchtime recitals will return again on Friday September 11th at 1.15pm.

September 11th	John Wilderspin	Organ
September 18th	Riko Suzuki	Recorder
September 25th	Tom Bailey	Organ
October 2nd	tbc	
October 9th	tbc	
October 16th	Lily Rugg	Voice

Harvest Festival and Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 27th September

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September, 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 of St Peter's Collegiate Church

The Friends of the Music support our Music Department, and a big part of this is helping fund the annual choir tour.

Throughout the year they run a range of fundraising activities and will be holding a **Quiz Night on Saturday 10th October**

at 6pm in St Peter's House. If you feel able to offer a little extra support, please use the QR code to donate via the Friends of St Peter's Music JustGiving page.



Church Website

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

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 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).

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
Akosua Ankrah

Di Polowyj

Michael Oginni

Photography/Filming

We 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

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 to 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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