



*St Peter's incorporates a variety of musical services each month. The regular pattern of 10.45am Sunday Services is:*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:**

**Sung Matins** in the Church with the choir and organ. Following the 1929 Prayer Book, it sometimes includes a choral version of a Canticle.

**Hall Service:** A Family Communion service is held concurrently in the hall. Contemporary in style and language, the music is led by piano and/or worship band.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 1982 Liturgy**

Held in the church, the Communion service follows the 1982 Liturgy and is led by the choir and organ, with everyone singing a congregational Communion setting. The choir occasionally sings a movement of a choral Mass setting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 1970 Liturgy**

This Communion service follows the 1970 Liturgy, which uses more traditional language. Led by the choir and organ, the congregational Communion setting is by Merbecke.

*During most services, junior choristers go to Sunday's Cool with the rest of their age group, and all return in time for Communion.*

There are four **All-Age Services** a year. This Family Communion service in the church is held on one Sunday in Advent, Mothering Sunday, Pentecost and Harvest Festival. It mixes traditional with contemporary music using the organ, piano, worship band and choir as appropriate.

**Evening Service with music:**

**Usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:  
18.30: Choral Evensong.**

*Please note, this pattern of services occasionally changes.*



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# CHOIR

St Peter's has long had a tradition of musical excellence and the robed four-part choir is a lively and enthusiastic group of adults and children. They sing an anthem at every 10.45 Sunday service, sing a full Choral Evensong once a month, and also at various other services and events throughout the year such as those during Holy Week. Recent concerts have included Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Schubert's *Mass in G*, Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*, Stainer's *Crucifixion*, Duruflé's *Requiem*, and Parts 1 and 2 of Handel's *Messiah*. Their service repertoire covers an extensive range of music and styles from the Renaissance era to modern day, with an emphasis on Anglican church music of the Tudor period and the 19th Century.



*Meeting socially is very important to the choir!*

## Adult Choir (For all aged 16+)

### Thursday:

19.45-21.30: Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday:

10.00: Choir Rehearsal

10.45: Morning Service.

Usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

17.30: Choir Rehearsal

18.30: Choral Evensong

**All rehearsals start in the Choir Vestry.  
If you want to join the fun,  
just turn up to a Thursday rehearsal!**



## Junior Choir

(For children from P 3/4, or aged 8-16)

**Junior Choir** is led by Rupert and assisted by Sheila. During the Thursday rehearsal, the choristers learn vocal technique and repertoire in preparation for forthcoming services and events. The children sing together with the adult choir each Sunday, and the final 15 minutes of the Thursday junior choir rehearsal is held together with the adults. They sometimes sing on their own, and also participate in concerts and other events throughout the year.

Junior choristers attend *Sunday's Cool* when appropriate, and those who sing at services receive a small fee. They usually attend a theatrical production annually.

**Thursday:** 19.00-20.00: Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday:** 10.00: Choir Rehearsal  
10.45: Morning Service

Usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:  
17.30: Choir Rehearsal  
18.30: Choral Evensong (optional)

**VOICE  
for LIFE**

**Voice for Life** is an educational programme for children and adults, developed by the Royal School of Church Music.



The programme covers music theory, aural and sight-singing skills, vocal technique and repertoire, musicianship, and Christian liturgy. On achievement of various levels, singers are awarded differently coloured ribbons to go with their *Voice for Life* medal.

*Voice for Life* Medal &  
White Ribbon  
Light Blue Ribbon  
Dark Blue Ribbon  
Red Ribbon  
Yellow Ribbon

These levels are assessed internally, but participants can proceed to the RSCM awards of Bronze, Silver and Gold, assessed through an external examination.



*In St Peter's, Voice for Life is primarily run by Sheila, with regular input from Rupert and the Clergy. Over the years, individual child and adult participants have between them attained every level of these prestigious awards.*

## Junior Voice for Life

(For children from P 3/4, or aged 8-16)

**Thursday: 6.15pm – 7pm:**

Children who sing in the Junior Choir have the option of attending *Voice for Life* classes. They learn in a variety of ways including through playing games, sometimes in the church garden.

## Voice for Life for all aged 16+

Adults can follow the *Voice for Life* programme on their own or in groups. Although the Vestry of St Peter's supports this training and provides the use of the Choir Vestry, there is a fee to cover other costs.

*For information regarding adult sessions, please speak to Sheila.*