

The People's Piano

The United Church's People's Piano project offers free access to a high-quality concert grand piano for people of all ages and abilities. Through recitals and concerts, we aim both to celebrate the piano and inspire a love of music, inviting free access to the piano for all ages and abilities, particularly among those who may not otherwise have access to a good instrument.

Since its purchase in May 2024, the piano has featured concerts by young musicians from Peter Symonds Sixth Form College, Southampton University students, members of Winchester's Ukrainian community and professional pianists. In May 2027, we look forward to welcoming Sir Stephen Hough. Upcoming events can be found [here](#). Through this project we have brought the wider community into the church. In July 2025, around 40 people 'had a go' on the piano during an open event with Winchester Hat Fair. Details of this fabulous occasion can be found in the Hampshire Chronicle article [here](#). A concert followed, during Winchester Heritage Open Weekend, featuring some of those Hat Fair participants. An article from the Hampshire Chronicle ahead of the concert is [here](#).

Having now raised enough to cover the piano's purchase, future concerts will support the United Church's wider community outreach, including work with older people, young families, the Ukrainian community and people seeking asylum.