***MUSIC AT WESLEY***

**TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

Wesley Church Centre, St John St, Chester CH1 1DA

November 4th 2025, 12.45pm

**Callum Bisson – Piano**

**Sonata No. 17 in D Minor Op. 31 no. 2 ('Tempest') Beethoven (1770 – 1827)**

*Largo – Allegro*

*Adagio*

*Allegretto*

**Nocturnes Op. 48 Chopin (1810 – 49)**

*No. 1 in C minor*

*No. 2 in F Sharp minor*

**Variations on A Theme by Shostakovich Callum Bisson (b. 2006)**

**Callum Bisson** is a 19-year-old pianist and composer from Greater Manchester. A graduate of Chetham’s School of Music, he has studied piano and composition under Sam Brook and Douglas Mason, where he developed a distinctive musical voice both as a performer and composer. His original works have been featured in composers’ concerts, including the premiere of his *Piano Concerto in G minor*, conducted by Dr. Jeremy Pike.

Callum has performed at venues such as Bridgewater Hall, St Mary in the Baum, and in both Carole Nash Hall and The Stoller Hall at Chethams. He is a winner of the Elgar Competition for Young Composers (2024), a finalist in Chetham’s Annual Piano Competition, and has received multiple commendations in performance competitions including Beethoven, Chopin and Concerto categories. Recently, he premiered his virtuosic piano piece *Variations on A Theme by Shostakovich*at St Mary in the Baum which was reviewed as “delightfully inventive and fashioned with mature pianism”.

He now studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, continuing his joint focus in piano and composition with Professors Graham Scott and Adam Gorb.

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 November 18th: Chester Festival of Performing Arts Winners

 November 25th: Kenwood/Reasbeck Oboe/Piano Duo

 **Saturday Organ Event.**  Donations for Christian Aid

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