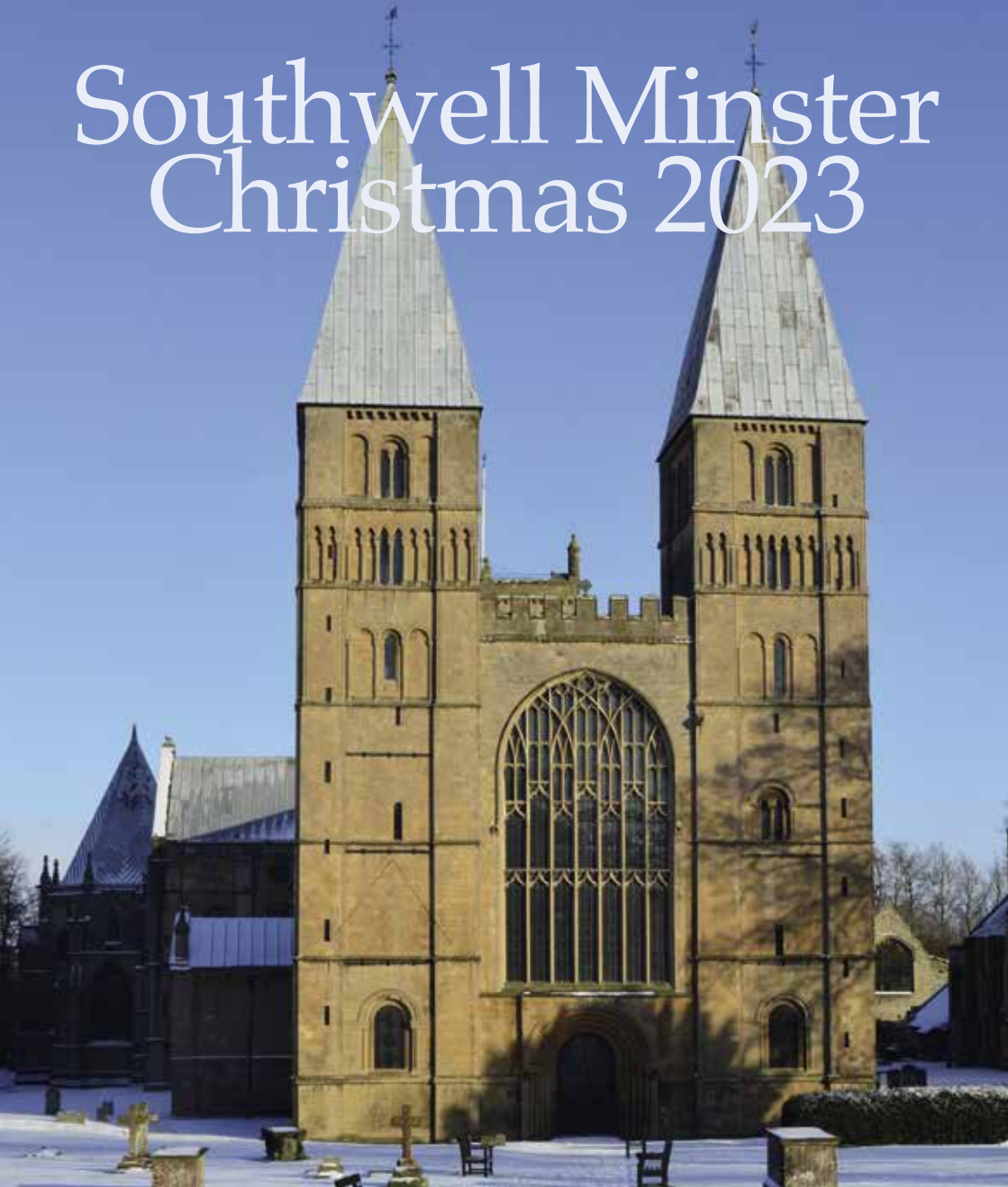


# Southwell Minster Christmas 2023



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## A message from Dean Nicola Sullivan

2023 has been a difficult year for so many people across the world. The message of Christmas offers hope and healing through the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We look forward to welcoming you to Southwell Minster's worship, concerts and events in these special weeks. There is something for everyone.

 THESE SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

### Sunday 3 December Cathedral Eucharist for Advent Sunday

10AM, NAVE 

### Monday 4 December Beaumont House Light Up A Life Service

7PM, NAVE

### Sunday 3 December Advent Procession

6.30PM, NAVE



This atmospheric service begins in darkness, building up to a glorious light as the coming of Jesus is foretold. In word and music, themes of prophecy and expectation come together, pointing the way towards the salvation of the world. Beautiful music is sung by the Cathedral Choir, whose journey through the building reminds us of our own spiritual journey towards the light of Christ, in anticipation of the glories of Christmas. *Entry is not ticketed; however early arrival is advised.*

### Tuesday 5 December Southwell Minster Choir Association presents Handel's Messiah

7.30PM, NAVE

The famous oratorio *Messiah* will be performed by Southwell Minster Chorale, students from the Minster School and the Musical & Amicable Society, together with internationally renowned soloists.

This ever-popular work includes the exciting Hallelujah Chorus, as well as a selection of beautiful arias and choruses telling the Christmas story, continuing through to the season of Easter.

*Please note that this is a ticketed event. Tickets available from [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (search for Handel's Messiah Southwell). As an annual performance this event has become very popular, so early booking is advised.*

**Friday 8 December**

## Framework Carol Service

7PM, NAVE

Raising funds to help  
homeless people



**Framework**  
For your future

in Nottinghamshire, this special service will include favourite carols to sing, contributions from the Minster Chorale and seasonal refreshments afterwards.

To reserve a free seat go to

[www.frameworkha.org/events](http://www.frameworkha.org/events) or call  
**0115 970 9558.**

**Saturday 9 December**

## Southwell and District Lions Club 'Carols for Everyone'

7.30PM, NAVE

Tickets available from *The Cathedral Shop.*

**Sunday 10 December**

## Carols in the State Chamber

7.30PM, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

Join the Choristers of the Cathedral Choir for an evening of carols in the atmospheric setting of the State Chamber, including Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. This ever-popular event will be accompanied by drinks and nibbles for the festive season, and everyone will have the chance to sing some Christmas favourites! *Tickets £12 (U18s free); to book, please contact Jonathan Allsopp at [adam@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:adam@southwellminster.org.uk)*

**Friday 15 December**

## Southwell Minster Choristers singing Christmas music

1.30PM-2.15PM, NAVE

Words and music for the festive season, with the Choristers of the Cathedral Choir. This concert will take you on a journey from Advent to Christmas, with plenty of beautiful music and poetry, as well as some popular tunes. *Entry is not ticketed; however, early arrival is advised.*

**Fri 15 December 3pm**

## Words and Music for Christmas

3PM, STATE CHAMBER

Inspiring poetry and music performed in the beautiful State Chamber.

Festive refreshments following the performance. *Tickets from [The Cathedral Shop.](#)*



Join us for a top festive night out in Southwell



# The Magic of Christmas

Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm

*A fabulous evening of entertainment at Southwell Minster.  
Festive favourites and plenty of audience participation!*

The Choir of Southwell Minster ❄️ Bold as Brass Octet

Tickets £10–£40  
available from The Cathedral Shop or  
[southwellminster.org/the-magic-of-christmas](http://southwellminster.org/the-magic-of-christmas)

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**Sunday 17 December**

## **Christingle**

5PM, NAVE

The Christingle service is an unmissable milestone for families on the journey to Christmas. All welcome for oranges, candles, and carols.



**Sunday 17 December**

## **Messiaen: *La Nativité* Organ Meditation**

6.30PM, QUIRE

**Monday 18 December**

## **Southwell Music Festival Christmas Concert**

7.30PM, NAVE

Tickets available from

[www.southwellmusicfestival.com](http://www.southwellmusicfestival.com)

**Tuesday 19 December**

## **Joint Emergency Services Carol Service**

7PM, NAVE

**Saturday 23**  /

**Sunday 24 December**

## **The Cathedral Carol Service**

7PM, NAVE

Our Cathedral Carol Service follows the traditional pattern of the famous service at King's College, Cambridge. As well as hearing choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir, there is the chance to sing well-known Christmas carols in a joyful and uplifting setting. The journey to Bethlehem, birth of Jesus, adoration of the shepherds and the coming of the Magi are all part of this festive service of readings and music.



## Christmas Eve

### Crib Service

2PM, NAVE

The Crib Service is a joyful opportunity for families to enter the Christmas spirit, with children dressing up as characters from the Christmas story.

### Christmas Eve Evensong

3.30PM, QUIRE 

A beautiful traditional service beginning to turn the corner from Advent into Christmas. Sung by the Cathedral Choir.

## Eucharist of Christmas Night

11.15PM, NAVE 

PREACHER: THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

The first Eucharist of Christmas, this service is popular the world over. As we gather in the depths of night, we celebrate the dawning of a glorious light in the birth of Christ. Music sung by Southwell Minster Chorale with well-known Christmas hymns.



# Christmas Day

## Holy Communion

8AM, QUIRE

With carols.

## Cathedral Eucharist

10AM, NAVE 

PREACHER: THE CANON MISSIONER

Our principal Eucharist for Christmas Day is a service for all ages, with music sung by the Cathedral Choir, as well as familiar Christmas hymns.

## Festal Mattins

11.15AM, QUIRE

PREACHER: THE DEAN OF SOUTHWELL

Festal Mattins is sung by the Cathedral Choir, with uplifting music by Stanford and Mathias. Another chance to sing some Christmas hymns, and rejoice in the festive atmosphere of the Minster at Christmas.

## Holy Communion

12.15PM, QUIRE

## Evening Prayer with Carols

3.30PM, QUIRE

On Christmas Day afternoon, Evening Prayer offers a moment of stillness after the joyful festivities, as well as an opportunity to sing some more carols.

Monday 4 December 2023 –

Friday 5 January 2024

## Children's Trail for Advent and Christmas

This free interactive trail for families and children takes visitors around the Cathedral hunting for images which help us to understand the Christmas story. Trail maps are available from Minster stewards at the information desk.

Saturday 6 January 2024

## Epiphany

### Sung Eucharist

5.30PM, QUIRE

Sunday 14 January 2024

## Epiphanytide Procession

3.30PM, NAVE

Continuing the season of the Nativity, this service explores the Coming of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the Miracle at the Wedding in Cana. All are welcome to this inspiring service which uses the whole Minster.

Friday 2 February 2024

## Candlemas

### Sung Eucharist with Procession

7PM, QUIRE

The beautiful feast of Candlemas brings the traditional 40 days of Christmas to an end. We begin to look forward to Lent, blessed by the Light of Christ.



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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham