



Southwell Minster

Cathedral ♦ Gardens ♦ Palace

WHAT'S ON

May – August 2024

events beginning late May



CELEBRATING 140 YEARS AS A CATHEDRAL

WELCOME



Welcome to Southwell Minster. 2024 is a wonderfully busy year here at the Minster, as we celebrate 140 years since becoming a Cathedral. Look out for the **Cathedral 140 Anniversary Exhibition**, which showcases the fascinating objects we are lucky to have in our beautiful buildings and gardens.

Southwell Minster is here for you, whether you live locally or further afield. We are open every day. As well as the daily round of worship, to which everyone is welcomed, we offer inspirational music, arts, numerous community events and a haven of peace.

There are countless ways you can be involved and discover more. We look forward to sharing this beautiful place with you.

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan
Dean of Southwell



ACCESSIBILITY: Lifts allow access to the Chapter House and State Chamber. We have a wheelchair available and there are large-print guides, braille guides, tactile models of the Minster and a loop hearing system.



Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome in the Minster, its grounds and gardens.



Southwell Minster's *What's On Guide* is generously supported by Newark & Sherwood District Council



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 3 August, 10.30am–3pm

IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTHWELL TRADERS,
THE WORKHOUSE & SOUTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL



Join us for a day of Victorian-themed fun celebrating 140 years since becoming a Cathedral town.

Did you know? We've been a Minster since Anglo Saxon times, but gained Cathedral status in 1884, during the Victorian era, when a new Diocese was formed and the Minster became the seat of the newly created Bishop of Southwell.

- ★ 'Victoria Sponge' Shop Trail through the town
- ★ Meet Victorian costumed characters
- ★ Games, crafts and activities
- ★ Minster Tower tours
- ★ Bring a picnic to enjoy in the Palace Gardens
- ★ Drinks and snacks available

No booking necessary, free entry to the Cathedral, donations welcome

Southwell Minster Community Fun Day: an anniversary for everyone to enjoy.

EXPLORE



Guided Tours

Book a tour and discover 1,000 years of history!

- ◆ Bell Tower Tour
- ◆ Archbishop's Palace Tour
- ◆ Minster Tour
- ◆ Palace Garden Tour with the Head Gardener
- ◆ Group Tours

**"An afternoon
of pure
MAGIC."**

Tour participant, 2023

For details visit our website or scan the QR code.



LECTURES



Cathedral Lectures

Sunday 26 May, 30 June, 21 July,
4.45–6pm (refreshments from 4.30pm),
State Chamber

This lecture series is part of the 140 Celebrations, exploring notable Nottinghamshire people who have influenced Christian faith and thinking.

26 May: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army and author of *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, with Dean Pallant

30 June: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, author of *The Book of Common Prayer*, with Alec Ryrie

21 July: Lancelot Andrewes, with Alison Milbank

ALL WELCOME. No need to book, just turn up. Feel free to bring along any friends you feel might enjoy these informative talks.

Free entry

TALKS & EXHIBITIONS



Historic Building Mythbusting

Wednesday 26 June, 2.30–4pm, State Chamber

Join us for an afternoon of history, heritage, myth and legend debunked with Dr James Wright, FSA Buildings Archaeologist.

Go to any ancient building and there will be exciting and romantic stories presented to the visitor. They are commonly believed and widely repeated – but are they really true? These stories include those of secret passages linking ancient buildings, blocked doors in churches which are thought to keep the Devil out, and claims to be the oldest pub in the country.

James will explain the development of such myths and investigate the underlying truths behind them.

Tickets £8 including refreshments, available from The Cathedral Shop (in person or 01636 812933) or on our website.



Peter Eugene Ball: An Exhibition of Working Drawings

6 July – 4 August

We are delighted to be hosting an exhibition of world-renowned artist Peter Eugene Ball's working drawings.

Peter's works can be found in over 80 cathedrals (including here in Southwell), churches and other religious buildings.

When a new work is proposed for a religious building, a considerable amount of information must be brought together, not least of all being the answer to the vital question 'what will it look like?'. Working drawings are made to aid visualisation of the initial concept.

This exhibition comprises a selection of Peter's working drawings for sculptures created over a period of several decades.


Free admission, donations welcome

WORSHIP



Our daily pattern of worship is the heartbeat of the Cathedral.

All are welcome.

 indicates that services are live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

Services and times are subject to variation. See our website for details.

DAILY WORSHIP

8.30am Morning Prayer


12.15pm Holy Communion (9am Saturdays)


5.30pm Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir
(said Evening Prayer on Wednesdays)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7.40am Litany

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist 

3.30pm Evensong 


Services on the 2nd Sunday of each month

10am A short, informal Cathedral Eucharist with no choir and plenty of congregational participation – the perfect introduction for those who are new to church, or perhaps returning after time away.

11.15am A beautiful Sung Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer, featuring wonderful choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir and with full ceremonial, including incense.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Sunday 19 May 


The third great festival of the Christian year (with Christmas and Easter), Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Join us for a festival Cathedral Eucharist at 10am, and a festival Evensong with a special procession to the font, marking the end of Eastertide, at 3.30pm.



Every Sunday @ 10am

Activities, games, crafts and Bible stories for children every Sunday, term-time only, during the 10am Cathedral Eucharist. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent/carer. During school holidays, children's activity packs are available for use during the service.

Evensong commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D Day

Sunday 2 June, 3.30pm, Quire 

A very special service in which we mark the 80th anniversary of D Day, giving thanks for the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. We are joined by the Royal British Legion, and the preacher will be the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton.

King's Birthday Service

Sunday 16 June, 11.15am, Nave

We join together with the Lord-Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, and representatives of civic groups and charities from across the county, in a celebration of our communities in all their diversity. The preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

Evensong takes place every day in the Minster during term time, except on Wednesdays. One of the main features of the service is that most of the parts are sung by the choir, meaning that the congregation is free to sit, to reflect, to pray, to let the music wash over them.

'Often visitors to the Minster who stay for Evensong say they can't believe that this amazing service, and all this wonderful music, is here, every day, just waiting for people to discover it. It's a real oasis of peace and reflection, somewhere you can discover God or just be quiet with your thoughts.' *The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*

Evensong is sung in the Minster every Sunday at 3.30pm, and every other day of the week in term time, except Wednesdays, at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome at every service.



ROCK, POP & THEATRE Tickets for shows on this page from £15

10% off food and drink at Oak at The Saracens Head before and after all Candlelight shows. Just show your e-ticket to a staff member



James Bond by Candlelight

Thursday 16 May, 7.30pm



David Bowie by Candlelight

Friday 17 May, 7.30pm



Tina Turner by Candlelight

Friday 31 May, 7.30pm



ABBA by Candlelight

Saturday 1 June, 7.30pm



Tina's Ultimate Rock Show (outdoor show)

Saturday 15 June, 7pm



21st Century ABBA (outdoor show)

Thursday 11 July, 7pm



An Evening of Motown (outdoor show)

Friday 12 July, 7pm



An Evening of Radiohead

Saturday 13 July, 7.30pm



Queen by Candlelight

Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 July, 7.30pm



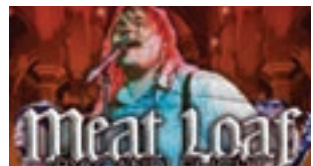
The Upbeat Beatles (outdoor show)

Thursday 1 August, 7pm



Elton John by Candlelight

Thursday 29 August, 7.30pm



Meat Loaf by Candlelight

Friday 30 August, 7.30pm



**Divorced, Beheaded,
Died: An Audience with
King Henry VIII**

Saturday 8 June, 7.30pm

"... a magnetic performance ... You truly believe you are in the presence' of Henry VIII ..."
2023 audience member

Tickets £16



**The Wonderful Wizard
of Oz (outdoor show)**

by This is my Theatre

Friday 21 June, 6pm

Join Dorothy as she journeys to the magical land of Oz to defeat the Wicked Witch of the West.

Tickets £15 (concessions available)



**The Comedy of Errors
(outdoor show)**

by The HandleBards

Friday 26 July, 7pm

A hilarious, high-octane production of Shakespeare's fantastic comedy.

Tickets £18 (concessions & early bird booking available)



**Beauty and the Beast
(outdoor show)**

by Chapterhouse Theatre Company

Saturday 27 July, 7pm

A brand-new telling of this classic fairy tale.

Tickets £20 (concessions available)

For more information and tickets, scan this QR code or visit www.southwellminster.org



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight
1 & 2 October

Elvis by Candlelight
12 November

The Eagles by Candlelight
13 November

Bubl  by Candlelight
16 December

Christmas by Candlelight
Saturday 21 December

CONCERT SERIES



Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral

Fridays, 1.30pm, Minster Nave

Enjoy a tea or coffee as you soak up superb music in a relaxed environment.

24 May Tim Selman (organ)

14 June Stephen Cooper (baritone)

28 June Minster School musicians

26 July Katharine Dryden & David Machell (song recital)

9 August Stanley Hardy (piano)

16 August HCB Ensemble (quartet)

Free entry; donations welcome. Proceeds support the Cathedral Choristers

Bank Holiday Organ Music

Experience the breathtaking power, great warmth and spine-tingling intimacy of the grandest, most daring of all musical instruments.

Monday 27 May, 3.30pm William Fox (St Paul's Cathedral). Programme to include Buxtehude, Byrd & Boulanger.

Monday 26 August, 3.30pm Jonathan Allsopp (Southwell Minster). Programme to include Cochereau, Walton & Widor.

Free admission with retiring collection



Music in the State Chamber

Sundays, 7.30pm (refreshments served from 7pm), State Chamber

9 June The Cathedral Choristers

7 July Alex Bradford (piano)

Free admission (no reserved seating) with a retiring collection to support the work of Southwell Minster Choir Association

MUSIC & POETRY



Words & Music: Where Heaven and Nature Sing

Tuesday 28 May, 2.30-4.30pm, State Chamber

Inspiring poetry and music performed by local poets, readers and professional musicians.

The afternoon promises to share a taste of the people, places and things that make up the Minster's history. From Gerard Manley Hopkins' serious reflections on Heaven and on Nature to contemporary poems written for the event, poetry and prose will move and amuse, as will a whole range of songs, from Korngold to Coward, Stanford to Flanders & Swann.

Music is provided by Minster musicians Matthew Spillett (tenor) and Jonathan Allsopp (piano).

Tickets £10 including interval refreshments, available from the Cathedral Shop (in person or 01636 812 933) or on our website



Music Foundation Summer Concert

Friday 19 July, 7.30-9.30pm, Minster Nave

Join the combined choirs of Southwell Minster for their annual end-of-year concert.

The Cathedral Choir and the Minster Chorale will perform Leonard Bernstein's stunning *Chichester Psalms* and works by Charles Villiers Stanford.

The Choristers will sing Benjamin Britten's timeless festive cycle, *A Ceremony of Carols*, with harp accompaniment.

Tickets £15 (U18s free) available from www.ticketsource.co.uk (search "Southwell Summer Concert" or call 0333 666 3366)

MUSIC



Nottingham Harmonic Choir
Saturday 25 May, 7.30pm



The Sixteen: Choral Pilgrimage
Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm



Black Dyke Band
Saturday 31 August, 7pm



Southwell Music Festival
23–26 August

Join Festival Director Marcus Farnsworth and some of the UK's leading musicians as they celebrate 10 years of sensational live music in the heart of Nottinghamshire.

See the Music Festival brochure for more information

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL SHOP

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO COME AND BUY:

- a wide range of local and fairtrade gifts
- cards for all occasions
- Southwell souvenirs
- Christian books and bibles including a great selection for children

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

Mon–Sat 10am – 4pm
Sun 11.30am – 3.30pm



GARDENS



National Garden Scheme

Sunday 26 May, 11am – 4pm

Join us in The Palace Garden for a celebration of the Minster's grounds during its most viridescent season.

Flowering shrubs, wildflowers and elegant perennials will be in bloom and tours will be available to learn more about the garden's history and the plants within it.

Refreshments will be on offer and as well as tours of the incredible Potwell Dyke grasslands where you will be able to admire an unrivalled display of orchids, meadow buttercup and ragged robin.

There will also be a selection of plants on sale.

All money raised goes to supporting the wonderful charities supported by the National Garden Scheme.

Adults £5; children free



Summer Plant Hunters' Fair

Sunday 4 August, 11am – 4pm

A wide selection of plants for sale from nurseries throughout the country, including many rare species. Join us in the beautiful gardens of The Archbishop's Palace for this popular event.

£2 suggested donation: pay at the gate

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 26 October

10am – 3.30pm **Bramley Festival of Food & Drink**

The area's best-loved celebration of all things Bramley Apple

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 November

4–8pm (Fri), 10am – 3.30pm (Sat)

Winter Craft Fair: Handmade delights by talented craftspeople

GET INVOLVED

Become a volunteer

At the very heart of Minster life is a dedicated army of over 300 volunteers. Volunteering at the Minster is extremely rewarding, whether you contribute as a Flower Arranger, Bellringer, Steward, Education Volunteer, Grasslands Volunteer, Guide, Server, or Tea Maker! You will be welcome, whatever your background, skills or stage of life. See our website for more information, or contact our Visitor and Volunteer Officer, Sarah Clemson: sarah.clemson@southwellminster.org.uk

Support us while you shop

Please support Southwell Minster on easypfundraising.org.uk this year. You can raise donations when you shop online with over 7,000 brands. It's simple to sign up, and once you're up and running you raise money at the click of a button. It costs you nothing and will make a BIG difference to us.

Join The Friends of Southwell Cathedral

The Friends are key supporters of the Minster, raising significant funds for our Cathedral. In joining the Friends you become part of a worldwide group of people helping to keep the Minster in good heart. Membership, starting at £20, includes visits, outings and events and a welcome to the Friends' Annual Festival and AGM, along with a biannual magazine, *Pepperpots*. The Friends' leaflet is available from the Minster's Welcome Desk, or please visit www.southwellminster.org/friends.

Join Southwell Minster Choir Association

If you love hearing the Minster's superb professional choir, this group is for you! SMCA funds annual social events and trips for the choristers, singing lessons and tours, and presents its own series of concerts, including Come & Sing events, the Music Foundation Summer Concert and the *Music in the State Chamber* concert series. It costs just £15 to join. Your contribution will help maintain the Great English Choral Tradition at Southwell Minster. Leaflets can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Minster.

Donate to the Minster

Southwell Minster could not exist without the help of our donors and supporters. Donating online is simple and quick: click on the DONATE tab on our website or scan this QR code. Every pound really does count: thank you for your generosity.





SUPPORT
YOUR
CATHEDRAL

We have been a Cathedral for 140 years!

ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

This year we celebrate our 140th anniversary as a Cathedral. Come and see a special exhibition, where we explore over 1,000 years of history in 140 objects.

Each month we showcase 14 objects from a period in our history, from the Romans to the present day. Every object reveals a unique part of the Minster's story and the history of the Cathedral, Gardens and Palace.

Step into the past and walk in the footsteps of those who have been before us. There's so much to see and explore.



Help us raise £140,000 in 2024.

- It costs £3,000 a day to keep Southwell Minster open.
- We ask for a £5 donation when you visit the Minster.
- Your donation helps us keep this beautiful, ancient building in tip-top shape and open for prayer.
- Your donation means we can host incredible events, run our award-winning Education Programme, and support our world-class Cathedral Choir.
- **And it means we can be here for you, every day of the year.**

Help us raise £140,000 as we celebrate our 140th anniversary.

Please donate £5 when you visit the Minster.

Museum of the Moon

Coming to Southwell Minster

11–22 October



James Billings

www.southwellminster.org/moon