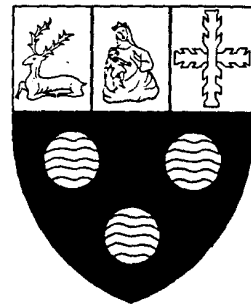


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Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



FESTAL EVENSONG

and Farewell to
The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan
as
Dean of Southwell

Michael and All Angels

Sunday 29 September 2024

3.30pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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Welcome to Festal Evensong on the Feast of Michael and All Angels. Today is a significant turning point for Dean Nicola as she marks nearly thirty years of ordained ministry and retires as Dean of Southwell. Thank you for being here from different parts of the diocese and county and beyond, joining with the Minster community in worship and farewell.

Nicola and Terry moved to Southwell in 2016 from Wells in Somerset where Nicola had served as the Archdeacon of Wells for over nine years. Previously she was the Bishop's Chaplain and Pastoral Assistant to the Bishop of Bath and Wells. She had moved to that diocese in 1999 to take up the position of Associate Vicar at Bath Abbey. Ordained ministry as a curate had begun in Earlham St Anne in Norwich. Before ordination Nicola had trained as a nurse and midwife working in hospital and the community in London and Bristol and serving overseas with Tearfund in Ethiopia and Swaziland. She was born and grew up in Suffolk.

The word 'retirement' does not really apply to a priest but rather this new season gives the capacity for the reshaping of ministry as the daily responsibility of a particular role is lifted allowing new possibilities to emerge.

Nicola and Terry will move from Southwell later in the year with an immense sense of gratitude to God for his faithfulness and love through the journey of the last eight years here.

Thank you for your companionship, love and prayers along the way.

'For all that has been – thanks.

For all that will be – yes!'

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961), Second Secretary- General of the UN

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir and Minster Chorale are directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.
The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

Processional Order

A Verger
The Acolytes
The Crucifer

The Head Verger
The Cathedral Readers
The Priest Vicar
The College of Canons
The Diocesan Registrar
The Archdeacons of Newark and Nottingham
The Bishop of Sherwood
The Cathedral Chapter
The Canon Precentor
The Dean
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
The Bishop's Chaplain

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

<i>Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Adagio espressivo (from Sonata in A minor)</i>	William Harris (1883-1973)
<i>Sonata No 2 in C minor</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
i. <i>Grave</i>	
ii. <i>Adagio</i>	
iii. <i>Allegro maestoso e vivace</i>	
iv. <i>Fuga</i>	

Before the service the Canon Precentor welcomes the congregation.

INTROIT *sung by the choir*

Glory to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

*Tune: TALLIS' CANON NEH 244
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)*

Please stand at the start of the Processional Hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A - men, a - men.

**1. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.**

**2. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.**

**3. O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And, sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.**

**4. O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, amen.**

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

*Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM NEH 427
Mode viii*

PRECES sung by the Canon Precentor and choir

O Lord, open thou our lips:
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Music: William Smith (c. 1603-45)

The Dean introduces the service.

Please sit

PSALMODY sung by the choir

Psalms 138 & 148

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of
thy loving-kindness and truth:
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy Word, above all things.
When I called upon thee, thou heardest me:
and enduedst my soul with much strength.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord:
that great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me:
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine
enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me:
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works
of thine own hands.

O praise the Lord of heaven:
praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his:
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens:
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they
were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth:
ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours:
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills:
fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle:
worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people:
princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of
the Lord:
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him:
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

*Chants: Edwin Edwards (1830-1907)
& Clement McWilliam (1934-2007)*

Please sit

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.' So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.'

While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face towards the ground and was speechless. Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, 'My lord, because of the vision such pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.'

Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.'

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

O thou Prince most glorious, Michael the Archangel, remember us:
here and every where and always make entreaty for us unto God the Son,
Alleluia, alleluia.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

O thou Prince most glorious, Michael the Archangel, remember us:
here and every where and always make entreaty for us unto God the Son,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from COLLEGIUM REGALE
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Antiphon: PRINCEPS GLORIOSISSIME, mode i

Please sit

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2: 29-32

*Music: from COLLEGIUM REGALE
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

sung by the Canon Precentor and choir

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us:

Christ, have mercy upon us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and let us not be led into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King:

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people:

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of
Angels and men in a wonderful order;
Mercifully grant that,
as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven,
so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*Music: William Smith (c. 1603-45)
and Robert Stone (1516-1613)*

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations
upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 67

Music: William Mathias (1934-92)

Please remain seated or kneel when invited.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader

One of the following responses, or another, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

THE GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand

HYMN



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: ST DENIO NEH 377

Welsh traditional

in John Roberts's Caniadau y Cyssegre, 1839

SERMON *given by the Dean*

ANTHEM sung by the choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with
a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with
praise:

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 100

*Music: JUBILATE IN C
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

*WORDS OF FAREWELL by Jan Richardson and Phil Blinston, on behalf of the Minster
community, and the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams*

FINAL WORDS from the Dean

The Bishop prays for Dean Nicola and Terry

God of our beginnings and endings,

we celebrate all we have shared with Nicola and Terry,
and ask your blessing as they continue on their journey.

May the love that you have put in our hearts

be the bond that continues to unite us in the ministry of the gospel,
wherever we may be.

May the power of your presence

bless this moment of our leave-taking;

this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. The Dean is then divested of the cope of her office, which she places on the altar.*



**1. How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?**

**2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.**

**3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.**

Words: John Mason (c. 1645-94) NEH 373

*Tune: COE FEN CP 466
Kenneth Naylor (1931-91)
Descant: David Hill (b. 1957)*

BLESSING *given by the Dean*

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Music: after William Smith (c. 1603-1645)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers and choir depart*

Toccata

Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

Once the ministers and choir have departed, you are invited to sit to listen quietly to the organ voluntary. If you wish to leave at this point, please do so without disturbing those who may still wish to listen or pray. The clergy will stand by the North Door to greet you on your way out.

Following the service, all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Crossing

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