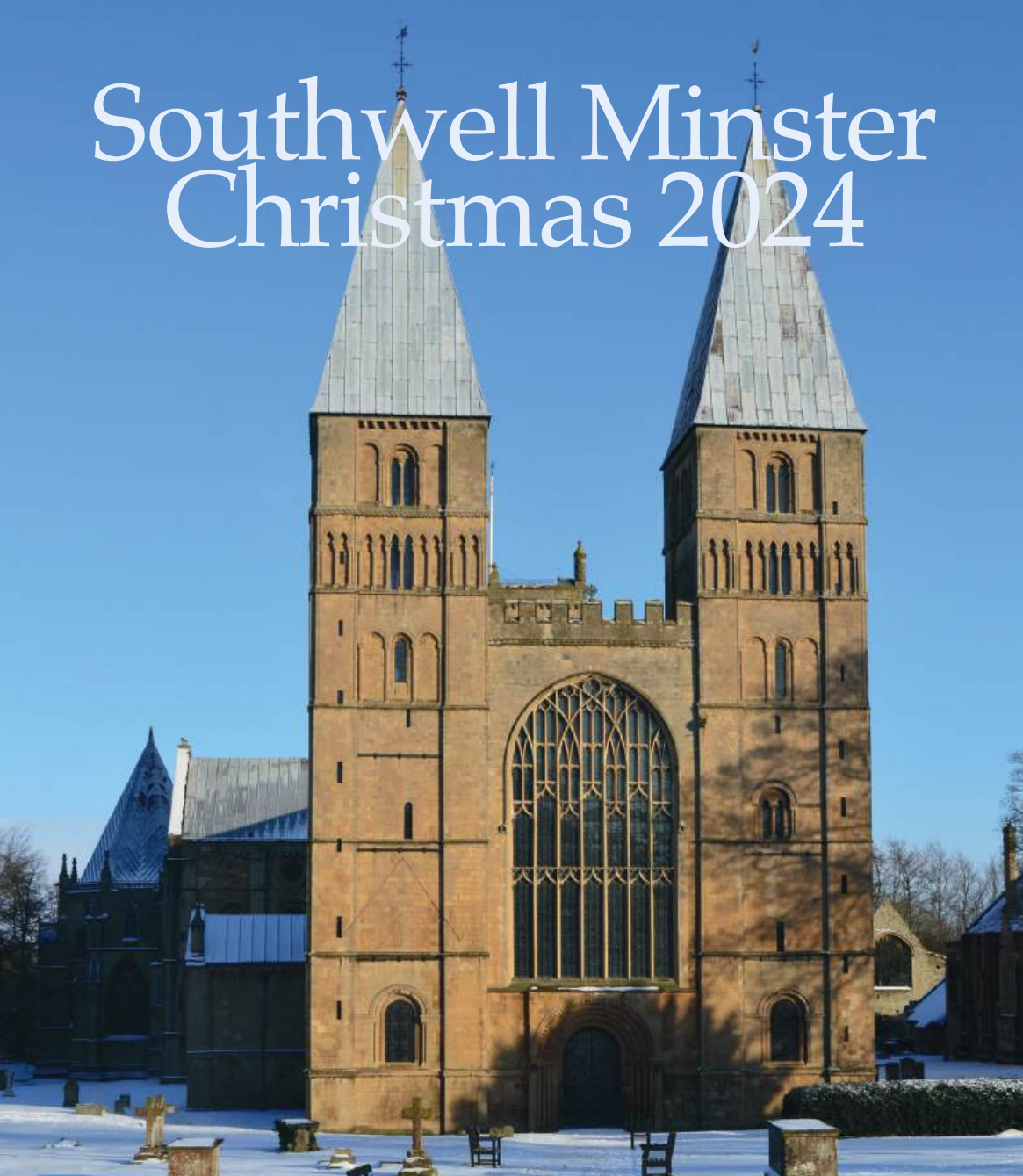


# Southwell Minster Christmas 2024



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## A message from our Interim Dean, Neil Evans

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5).*

In services, concerts and events, our Christmas festivities at Southwell Minster point us towards the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, who shines through darkness bringing hope and peace. We look forward to welcoming you to the Minster as we join together in celebrating God's love.



THESE SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

### Sunday 1 December Cathedral Eucharist for Advent Sunday

10AM, NAVE

### Monday 2 December Beaumont House Light Up a Life Service

7PM, NAVE

### Sunday 1 December Darkness to Light: The Cathedral 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.*

### Friday 6 December Framework Carol Service



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For your future

7PM, NAVE

Raising funds to help homeless people 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 7 December Southwell and District Lions Club 'Carols for Everyone'

7.30PM, NAVE

*Tickets available from The Cathedral Shop.*

**Sunday 8 December**

## **Carols in the State Chamber**

7.30PM, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

Join the Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir for an evening of carols in the atmospheric setting of the State Chamber. 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 [adom@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:adom@southwellminster.org.uk)*

**Tuesday 10 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](http://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 13 December**

## **Southwell Minster Choristers singing Christmas music**

1.30PM-2.15PM, NAVE

**Britten *A Ceremony of Carols*.** As part of the Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral series, the Cathedral Choristers, with Thea Maund (harp), perform Benjamin Britten's timeless *A Ceremony of Carols*, alongside other music for the festive season. *Entry is not ticketed; however, early arrival is advised.*





# The Magic of Christmas

Saturday 14 December, 7.30pm

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

The Choir of Southwell Minster ❄️ Sinfonia Viva

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 15 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 15 December**  
**Messiaen: *La Nativité***  
**Organ Meditation**

6.30PM, QUIRE

**Tuesday 17 December**  
**Joint Emergency Services**  
**Carol Service**

7.30PM, NAVE

**Wednesday 18 December**  
**Southwell Music Festival**  
**Christmas Concert**

7.30PM, NAVE

*Tickets available from*

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

**Monday 23**  /

**Tuesday 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

11AM & 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 

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

Festal Mattins is sung by the Cathedral Choir, with uplifting music by Stanford and Warlock. 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 2 December 2024 –  
Sunday 5 January 2025**

## 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.

**Monday 6 January 2025  
Epiphany**

### Sung Eucharist

7.30PM, QUIRE

**Sunday 12 January 2025**

## The Three Miracles: The Cathedral Epiphany Procession

3.30PM, NAVE

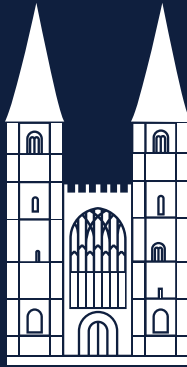
Continuing the season of the Nativity, this service explores the Coming of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the Miracle at the Wedding in Cana. All are welcome to this inspiring service which uses the whole Minster.

**Sunday 2 February 2025  
Candlemas**

### Patronal Festival Eucharist

10AM, NAVE 

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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