

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 17 November

The Second Sunday before Advent
(The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity)
Safeguarding Sunday

- 7.40am Litany** *Quire*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*
Rheinberger Mass in E • Psalm 16 • Nicholson Tantum ergo
Dubois Toccata
- 12.30pm Holy Baptism** *Nave*
- 3.30am Evensong** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Coxon Many who sleep • Tomkins Responses
Office Hymn Lucis Creator optime • Psalm 95 • Daniel 3
Stanford in C • Matthew 13: 24–30, 36–43
Gray What are these that glow from afar?
Hymn 450 • Widor Moderato (from Symphony No 7)

Online Orders of Service

The Order of Service for our 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist service is available for download from <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/orders-of-service/> on our website. If you wish, please feel free to download this to your tablet, or other device, and bring this to the service to use instead of a printed Order of Service.

INTERCESSIONS

We continue to pray for the Anglican communities in Moscow and Kiev, and Archbishop Hosam and the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

We hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers:

The Minster Family

Joan Dunn, Alistair Farrant, Jill Frost, David Green, Christine Homer, Alison Jones, Audrey Jones, David Keene (priest), Glynn Lloyd, Jean Meats, Les Meats, Susan Moses, Robin Old, Barbara Tittensor, Margaret Waddington, Norman Wright

The Housebound and Those in Residential Care

Audrey Banks, Alan Holmes, Sue Hopkin, Joan Larke, Pam Storey, Margaret Tattersfield

The Family of the Church in the Diocese and Beyond

Noelle Chiu, Rebekah Harbour, Elizabeth Ingram, Fearn, Richard Kirton (priest), Lynn Raynor (priest), Edwin Ward

The Recently Departed

David Jones

(Please note whilst we love to mention people by their full name in our prayer lists, we do need either themselves, or a close family member, to give us permission to do so. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.)

We Remember on the Anniversary of Their Death

- 17 Hazel Greta Ball
- 18 Helen Standfield
- 19 Pamela Margaret Akeroyd, Pamela Cripps, Nancy Harrison,
Peter Barry Pailing
- 20 Joan Howe
- 21 Betty Arundel
- 22 John Richard Pallister, Daniel Salter
- 23 George Roberts

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

‘What is the gospel?’ The gospel isn’t a slogan, a statement or a doctrine, but the actual and particular person Jesus Christ. So in fact the good news is not a ‘What?’ but a ‘Who?’ Because Jesus is inseparable from the kingdom he came to declare, establish, and rule, to encounter the gospel is to experience the kingdom.

Chris Russell, *Yearning for the Vast and Endless Sea*, Canterbury Press, 2024, p.x

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

Heating in the Minster. Work is ongoing to fix issues with the Minster's heating. Regrettably, it will not be functional in time for this weekend's services. As temperatures have dropped in recent days, please wear suitably warm clothing if you plan to attend the Minster over the weekend.

Spirituality Book Sale, Saturday 16 November to Sunday 1 December, South Transept. All are invited to the Minster South Transept to browse and take books from the former Library in Sacrista Prebend Retreat House. Box for donations available. *Angela Ashwin*

Safeguarding Sunday – This Sunday (17 November). This week at the Cathedral Eucharist (10.00am) we mark Safeguarding Sunday. We will be joined by members of the Cathedral safeguarding team, as well as by Sally Hodges, the independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel, as we all reaffirm together our commitment to creating a safer cathedral for all.

[Cathedral Lectures: Byron and Religion](#), **Sunday 17 November, State Chamber, 4.45pm.** Join Byron expert Geoffrey Bond OBE DL FSA as he explores the life and times of Nottinghamshire's most famous poet. The Newstead Singers will also perform songs, setting some of his poems to music. Free entry. No need to book.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sacrista Contents Sale. On Friday 22 November there will be a sale of items from Sacrista Prebend in Trebeck Hall between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Our next [Friday Lunchtime Concert](#) will be held on **Friday 22 November at 1.30pm** which will be a St Cecilia's Day Cello Recital given by Mariatu Kanneh-Mason, in a programme that will include music by J.S. Bach, Paganini and Rachmaninov. Free admission with retiring collection. *Please note that we anticipate that this will be a very popular concert, so early arrival is advised.*

Festival of Christ the King, next Sunday 24 November. The Festival of Christ the King is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, before we start anew on Advent Sunday. At the 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist, we will be joined by the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, who will be confirming candidates from across the diocese, including two from the Minster. Please join us if you can to welcome Archbishop Stephen, and to support all the candidates. In the afternoon at 3.30pm there is a Festal Evensong, with a Procession ending under the *Christus Rex* in the Nave.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

David Jones. We are very sorry to say that David Jones, a much-loved member of the Minster community and former Churchwarden, died last weekend. Details of David's funeral will follow when these are available.

Drop-in for Coffee at The Residence, Saturday 30 November, 10.30am–12 noon. Thank you for all the many kind cards, good wishes, prayers and overwhelming generosity. We will be delighted to see you for coffee before we move. Do drop in ... and take away a book or two from the study! *Nicola and Terry*

Community Forum — Meet the new Interim Dean. There will be a Community Forum in the State Chamber on Tuesday 26 November at 6.30pm. It will be a great opportunity to meet Neil who will share some of his thoughts, and there will be time for questions. We look forward to seeing you. *Andy Corner and Jan Richardson.*

Minster Book Group. The next meeting of the group will be on **Friday 29 November at 3.00pm** at the home of one of our members, details to be circulated nearer the time. The book for discussion is *Heaven* by Paula Gooder (SPCK 2011), a book chosen as a good read for Advent. New members are warmly welcomed. Please contact chris.kent100@btinternet.com if you would like to try us out.

Penny Young 01636 814506.

Schedule of Cathedral Safeguarding Training Events. The following safeguarding training event will be run in the Minster Centre by Penny Turner and Vicky Thorpe. In line with Church of England policies we expect our volunteers to keep their safeguarding training up to date. This means that training should be completed every three years.

Basic Safeguarding Training Monday 2 December 1.30pm–3.30pm

Please email southwelllearninganddevelopment@southwellminster.org.uk if you wish to attend this course to confirm your place.

All these safeguarding courses can also be accessed online through the Church of England safeguarding portal available [here](#). The Minster does not manage this portal so please direct any enquiries to elarning@safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org. Anyone who has completed training MUST inform Matt Spillett, copied to Vicky (matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk/vicky.thorpe@southwellminster.org.uk).

Modern Slavery. Many thanks to all who viewed the recent display about Modern Slavery, signed the petition, and gave a donation to Anti-Slavery International and the Church of England Clewer Initiative. The petition attracted 120 signatures and is being sent to Robert Jenrick. £61.50 was raised in donations. If anyone else would like to give to this important work please either have a word or use the charities' websites – and if you'd like to be involved from here on in the Minster's Anti-Slavery initiatives please also have a word. *Patrick Sills and Derek Jackson on behalf of the Justice Action Group*

Dementia Drop In for anyone affected by dementia organised by Trent Dementia. Drop in between 10.30am and 1.00pm – free refreshments and time to chat. When – on Thursdays, 5 December, 16 January, 6 February and 6 March. Where – Kings Court Community Centre, Southwell. For more information telephone 07300 657575 or e-mail: contact@trentdementia.org.uk

Fairtrade at Time Travelling. Members of the Minster congregation lead a session on Fairtrade at Time Travelling, the annual programme for primary schools which takes place in early March. We should be delighted if others would join us. Please have a word if you might like to. *Patrick Sills*

Churches Together in Southwell – Christmas Stall on Southwell Market, Saturday 14 December. The theme of this year's stall will be to remind people that Jesus is the reason for the season and that he was born to save. The stall will emphasise this message with banners and posters, tracks with a Christmas message, and a Nativity scene. There will be many giveaway items to attract people and start conversations. The stall will be manned by volunteers from across the churches, filling one-hour slots from 8am to 1pm. If you feel able and prepared to share the Gospel message and pray with people if requested, then please ring Michael on 07919 550638 to discuss the possibility of taking on a slot. If this is not for you and you're in Southwell on that morning, we would love for you to make yourself known.

Churches Together in Southwell – Lent Course 2025. Churches Together in Southwell are planning to organise a Lent Course next year open to all Southwell churches. There will be several small groups who will meet together for 5 weekly sessions. They will follow the same prepared Lent Course. To enable this we need:

- Volunteers to lead each group
- Volunteers to host each group

If you would be interested, or would like to know more about, please contact Glennis Hobbs glennishobbs@yahoo.co.uk / 01636 494280

SERVICES AND FAITH

Darkness to Light – the Cathedral Advent Procession. On Sunday 1 December (Advent Sunday) we begin our journey towards Christmas with our Advent Procession. Join us as for this service of music and readings, as we reflect on the themes of waiting and preparation in Advent, and the Cathedral Choir's journey through the building reminds us of our own spiritual pilgrimage towards the light of Christ. As ever, early arrival for this service is advised.

Our **Daily Intercessions** booklet for November which collates together the Minster and Diocesan prayer lists with the Anglican Cycle Prayer, is now available on the Minster website from <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/daily-intercessions/>.

MUSIC AND EVENTS CALENDAR

[*The Snow Queen*](#), **Thursday 28 November, 7.30pm.** When her friend is stolen by the cold hearted Snow Queen, Gerda must find the strength and courage to travel across the lands to save him. An array of characters along the way will guide and aid her journey but can Gerda bring the warmth of summer back to her friend? Tickets from the Minster website or Cathedral Shop.

[*St Martin's Voices*](#), **Friday 29 November, 7.30pm.** Join Classic FM presenter Zeb Soanes and St Martin's Voices, from St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, for an enchanting evening of words and carols as we enter the Christmas season. The programme includes winter classics *Silent Night* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*, alongside beautiful new works by contemporary composers Lucy Walker, Cecilia McDowall and Reena Esmail from the choir's recent album *A Winter Breviary*. Tickets are available from <https://www.stmartinsvoices.com/event-details-registration/winter-at-southwell>.

[*Russell Watson*](#), **Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm.** Come and join multi-award-winning tenor Russell Watson, accompanied by world renowned pianist/arranger/writer Mike Moran, performing a special show with classic songs old and new, together with a selection of hits from his illustrious career. This will be a magical evening which should not be missed. Tickets available [here](#).

[Carols in the State Chamber](#), **Sunday 8 December, 7.30pm.** 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.

[Handel's Messiah](#), **Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm.** Tickets are now on sale for Southwell Minster Choir Association's annual concert of Handel's much-loved *Messiah*, performed by Southwell Minster Chorale, students from the Minster School, and soloists Lizzy Humphries (soprano), Alexander Turner (countertenor), James Beddoe (tenor), and James Geidt (bass), directed by Jonathan Allsopp, accompanied by the Musical and Amicable Society. Tickets available now from www.ticketsource.co.uk (search 'Handel's Messiah Southwell' or call 0333 666 3366). Tickets for this concert are selling fast, so please do book in advance to avoid disappointment.

[The Magic of Christmas](#), **Saturday 14 December, 7.30pm.** A special evening of festive fun in the company of the Cathedral Choir and the East Midlands' professional orchestra, Sinfonia Viva. Tickets from the Minster website or Cathedral Shop.

Volunteer Chaperones wanted. We would like to develop a rota of volunteer chaperones to assist our Chorister Supervisor in looking after the cathedral choristers during rehearsals and services as well as some social time. This is a very rewarding role, and a way of getting to see 'behind the scenes' of our Cathedral Choir's excellent work and to get to know the people involved. There are varying times to suit all, and a light minimum obligation. Subject to DBS checks and training, all provided through the Minster. Contact paul.provost@southwellminster.org.uk or speak to a member of music staff for more information.

Would you like to volunteer at any of the Minster events? There's a huge programme of exciting events coming up in 2024 and we're looking for help to ensure their success. This will involve welcoming people and checking tickets to get people in on time. After that, you're welcome to stay and enjoy the performance for free. If you'd like to know more, please email events@southwellminster.org.uk. For a list of events, please see www.southwellminster.org/2024-events/.

GENERAL NOTICES

Nottingham Men Allowed Singing Project. Following a successful year in 2024, which included a concert in the Minster, over £16,000 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK. Nottingham Men Allowed are now recruiting singers for their 2025 project, with meet and greet sessions taking place in Nottingham in February. For more information, please visit www.nottinghammenallowed.org.

Supporting Newark Foodbank. The following items are especially needed: Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potato, Tinned Carrots, Toiletries: Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toilet Roll, Washing Tabs. Check the website for less urgent items. The Foodbank also accepts donations of money, which can be used to purchase items locally. Please see website for details of how to donate: <https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. Items can be donated at the following places — Co-op, One Stop, Well Pharmacy and various churches.

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

For this week's Services and Music List, please [click here](#).

Sunday 24 November

**Christ the King
(The Sunday next before Advent)**

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| 7.40am | Litany | <i>Quire</i> |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i> | <i>Quire</i> |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist with Diocesan Confirmations CW
<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
Preacher: The Archbishop of York,
The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell
Darke <i>in F</i> • Tallis <i>O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit</i>
Byrd <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
Tournemire <i>Fantaisie sur le Te Deum et Guirlandes Alleluatiques</i> | |
| 3.30am | Festal Evensong with Procession
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, <i>Interim Dean of Southwell</i>
Clarke <i>O Jesu, King most wonderful</i> • Clucas <i>Responses</i>
Office Hymn: <i>Te saeculorum principem</i> • Psalm 72 • Daniel 5
Antiphon: <i>Habet in vestimento</i> • Mathias <i>Jesus College Service</i>
John 6: 1–15 • Dove <i>Seek him that maketh the seven stars</i>
Hymns 295 & 614 • Harris <i>Flourish for an Occasion</i> | <i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i> |

Southwell Minster is committed to ensuring children and young people as well as adults are kept safe. If you have a concern about safeguarding, please contact:

At the Minster:

- Penny Turner (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer) at penny.turner@southwell.anglican.org
- Vicky Thorpe (Cathedral Safeguarding Co-ordinator) at safeguarding@southwellminster.org.uk, or
- One of the clergy.

- In the Diocese: 01636 817200 or safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org.

If you have an out-of-hours emergency safeguarding concern, please contact:

- The police on 999, or
- Children and Adults in Nottinghamshire on 0300 500 8080.

Submission of items for inclusion in Pew News. Anyone who wishes to submit any items to include in future editions of Pew News is from now on asked to submit these by e-mail to the address newsletter@southwellminster.org.uk. Please note the deadline of 11.00am each Thursday for the weekend edition released each Friday. Thank you.

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