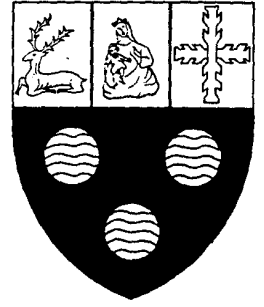


**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15 December 2024

10.00am

Welcome to Southwell Minster



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



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Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesperson or Verger for a copy.



Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*.

The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

The Preacher is the Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Vicar*.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel for one week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

Support the Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral. A collection for the Cathedral's mission and ministry will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK



taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes provided – this allows us to increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Card donations can be made at the contactless stations located near the main exits. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting www.southwellminster.org/donate. Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral and its ongoing work.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available — please speak to a Churchwarden or vergier before the service (if possible) to request one.

Minster Kids

Following the lighting of the Advent Wreath, children (up to age 11) in the congregation are warmly invited to leave the main service for separate children's activities — please look out for our children's leaders and follow them at this point of the service. They will return in time for the Offertory Hymn. (If this is the first time your child has gone out to the group please could an adult initially accompany them so as to complete a registration form. Children under 5 will be welcome if accompanied throughout the session by an adult.) We also have a Children's Chapel next to the font, and young children and their carers are encouraged to explore it.

New Rose Vestments

This Sunday sees the first appearance of a new set of rose vestments for clergy and servers, which have been made by our Needlework Guild. Rose (pink) vestments are traditionally used on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday, or Mothering Sunday) to symbolise hope and expectation in the midst of the themes of penitence and preparation that characterise Advent and Lent. The creation of these beautiful, hand-worked vestments has been made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor, and through the regular support of the Friends of Southwell Cathedral to the Needlework Guild, and has involved no cost to the Minster. We will bless the new vestments in early Lent, in preparation for their second outing on Mothering Sunday.

Music at this service

The Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The organ is played by Timothy Selman, *Organ Scholar*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa Sancti Nicolai* by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'This endris nyght'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

THE ADVENT PROSE *during which the choir and altar party enter*



Drop down_ ye hea-vens from_ a - bove,___
and let the skies pour_ down right- eous_ ness.

Choir Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As this Sunday's candle is lit, the choir sings

Choir Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All

Bles - sed be God for e - ver.

Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

cf. John 1.23

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Christine Vincent*

Zephaniah 3: 14–end

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

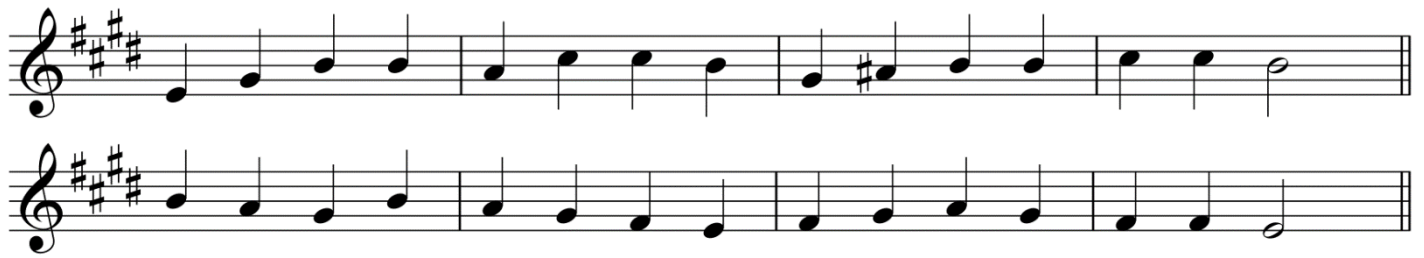
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN



1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

4. So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: VOX CLARA, Latin, 6th century
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: MERTON NEH 5
William Henry Monk (1823-89)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music: Mode ii

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Revd David McCoulough*

Please stand

NICENE CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Dr Alastair Clarke, Liturgy and Music Administrator*

The following response may be used:

God of light .
hear our prayer.

and at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken and the table is prepared for Communion*



Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluya, alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Words: *Liturgy of St James*
trans. Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)

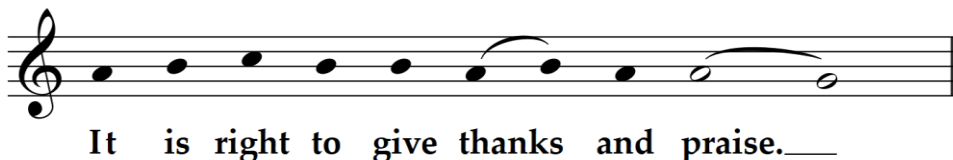
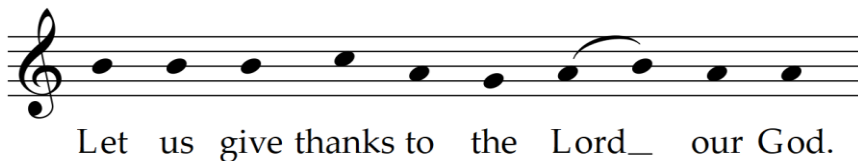
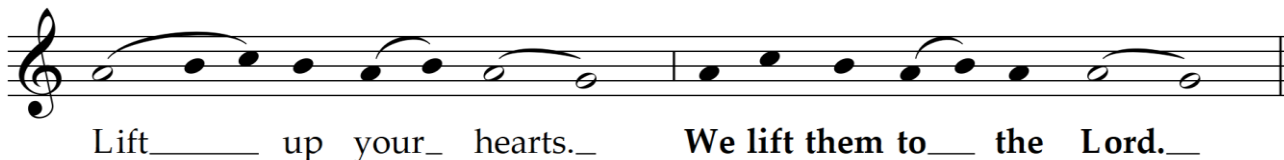
Tune: PICARDY NEH 295
French, 17th century

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

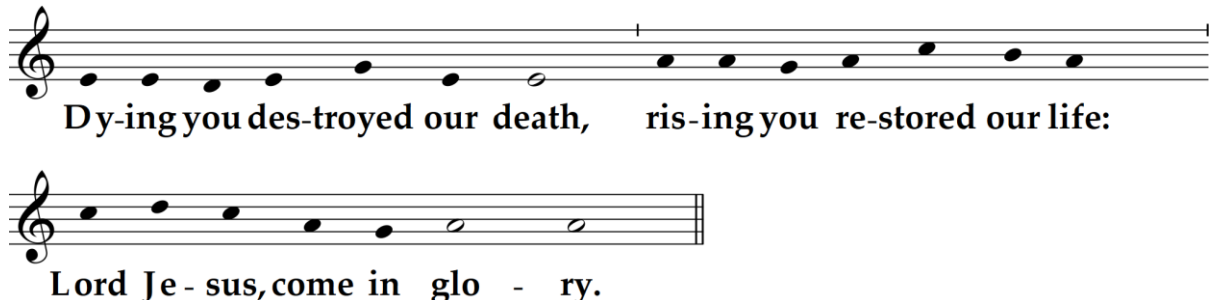
President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All



Dy-ing you des-troyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life:
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

AGNUS DEI *sung by the choir whilst the altar party receives communion*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

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Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir*

This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don't turn me from your door,
but hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year
our blest Redeemer did appear;
he here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
to show us how we must be saved;
and if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.

*Words and Music: English Traditional Carol
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

COMMUNION HYMN *Please remain seated*



**The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.**

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674)
Cento Psalms 85, 82, 86*

*Tune: ST STEPHEN NEH 15
William Jones (1726-1800)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN *during which the altar party leaves in procession.*



A - men.

**1. The advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon the road
His glorious gift to meet.**

**2. The everlasting Son
Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.**

**3. Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.**

**4. On clouds of dazzling light,
As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite,
With him in heaven to reign.**

**5. Let evil flee away,
Ere that great hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
The new man all put on.**

**6. Praise to the incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit one,
To all eternity. Amen.**

*Words: Latin, INSTANTIS ADVENTUM DEI
Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
trans. Henry Putman (1861-1935)*

*Tune: ST THOMAS NEH 14
from New Universal Psalmodist, 1770
Aaron Williams (1731-76)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro con spirito (from Suite)

William Ralph Driffill (1870-1922)

Following the service, all are warmly invited to refreshments in the South Transept.

Please note that *Mini Pew News* (the abridged version of the *Weekly notice sheet*), is available as a separate document given out at *Minster services* each *Sunday*. The full version of *Pew News* can be found online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>. Alternatively, we can e-mail you a link to the latest edition of *Pew News* as it is published each *Friday* (please complete the web form at <https://www.southwellminster.org/newsletter/> to sign up to receive this regular e-mail).



Our Annual **Christingle Service** takes place this evening at **5.00pm**. The Christingle service is an unmissable milestone for families on the journey to Christmas. All welcome for oranges, candles, and carols.

POSTPONED: Organ Meditation, Sunday 15 December, 6.30pm. Please note that the **Organ Meditation** of *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Oliver Messiaen that had been scheduled to take place this evening has had to be **postponed** due to staff illness. This Meditation will now take place at 6.30pm on **Sunday 12 January** (the same day as the Cathedral Epiphanytide Procession which will be taking place at 3.30pm).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at Southwell Minster

Sunday 15 December

5.00pm Christingle Service *Nave*

Monday 23 December

7.00pm Cathedral Carol Service *Nave (and live-streamed)*

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

9.00am Holy Communion *(no service at 12.15pm)* *St Oswald's Chapel*

11.00am Crib Service *Nave*

2.00pm Crib Service *Nave*

3.30pm Evensong BCP *Quire*

7.00pm Cathedral Carol Service *Nave*

11.15pm Eucharist of Christmas Night CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion with Carols BCP *Quire*

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*

11.15am Festal Mattins BCP *Quire*

12.15pm Holy Communion BCP *Quire*

3.30pm Evening Prayer with Carols BCP *Quire*

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