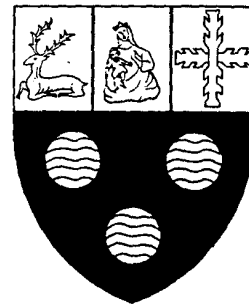


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

in aid of The Children's Society

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15 December 2024

5.00pm

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.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.



This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

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

A collection will be taken, net proceeds of which will go to The Children's Society (see p. iii). If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation at no extra cost to you. Please give generously.

This service is led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*, and the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

The organ is played by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors. If you would like to keep in regular contact with the Minster, please either speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, or email office@southwellminster.org.uk



Christingle services are an opportunity to support the essential work of the Children's Society. This Christmas, thousands of young people want to break free. Break free from abuse, neglect, and being forced into crime. And from fear, isolation and depression. Our project workers listen, understand and act. They'll work tirelessly to help young people process their trauma and heal. They give them the confidence to imagine a future that they want, and work to make that a reality.

We provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and we're here to make sure they get it. Working alongside young people, their families and community, we will not rest until together, step-by-step, we've created a society built for all children.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, welcomes the congregation.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

WHY DO WE HAVE CHRISTINGLE?

READING

Luke 2: 6–18

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child.. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

THE CHRISTINGLE BEGINS WITH AN ORANGE...

THE CHRISTINGLE SONG

**The Christingle begins with an orange,
Like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of his glory;
All around we see his love displayed.**

***Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.***

**Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
And the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
That the love of God is everywhere.**

Sing Christingle!...

**God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
We remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
Tells the story of his cross and pain.**

Sing Christingle!...

**To complete the Christingle: a candle,
Telling us of the world's true light.
For the darkness shall not overcome it,
Jesus shines on in the darkest night.**

Sing Christingle!...

*Words: Mark Earey
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*Tune: SING HOSANNA CP 433
Traditional, arr. Gerald Knight (1908-79)*

COLLECTION AND CHRISTINGLE MAKING ACTIVITY

We bring out our gifts for the Children's Society, and each child receives a Christingle kit.

When we have all made our Christingles, we make a circle around the Nave. When we are all standing still, the lights are dimmed, and only then can the Christingles be lit. Please bring your booklets with you!

CAROL

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

Words: American, anonymous

*Tune: CRADLE SONG NEH 22
William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)*

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

concluding with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever.
Amen.**

SONG

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine:
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze:
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow:
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine...

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine...

*Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
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BLESSING

We go in peace
to share the peace of God with all we meet.
We go in love
to share God's gift of love with the world.
We go in the light of Christ
to shine as lights in the world.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Minster Kids

Minster Kids is the Cathedral's Sunday morning children's programme, taking place during the Cathedral Eucharist on Sundays during term time. We leave the main congregation during the first hymn, and through crafts, activities, and storytelling we explore the day's gospel reading and what it means for us, re-joining the service in time for communion. There are separate activities for younger children (pre-school) and older children. During term time we are usually joined by the younger choristers from the Cathedral Choir. Visiting children and new faces are always welcome!

Here's a Christingle to colour in at home





Do you know a child who sings?

Southwell Minster Choir is always on the lookout for boys and girls aged 6-9 who love singing and would benefit from being a part of our amazing group of choristers.

- Sing as part of a first-rate choir
- Receive free singing lessons
- Make friends for life
- Learn to read music to a high level
- Enjoy singing in our wonderful building
- Termly payment
- Social events and musical trips

Why not get in touch?

Please contact Paul Provost:

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or scan the QR code for more information:



Crib Service on Christmas Eve

The Crib Service is a joyful opportunity for families to enter the Christmas spirit, with children dressing up as characters from the Christmas story.
11am & 2pm Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)

Cathedral Eucharist on Christmas Day

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.
10am Christmas Day.

*For full details of all of our Christmas services and events,
please visit our website: www.southwellminster.org/christmas2024*



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