

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 15 December

**The Third Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete 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)*
Sung by the Minster Chorale
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Vicar*
Advent Prose • Haydn *Missa Sancti Nicolai*
Vaughan Williams *The truth from above*
Driffill *Allegro con spirito* (from *Suite*)
- 3.30pm Evensong** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Sung by the Minster Chorale
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Mendelssohn *Im Advent* • *Sungion Responses*
Office Hymn: *Conditor alme siderum* • Psalms 50: 1–6
Isaiah 35 • Ireland *in F* • Luke 1: 57–66
Steel *People look east* • Hymn 168 (t. 404)
Carter *Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*
- 5.00pm Christingle Service** *Nave*

Online Orders of Service

The Orders of Service for our 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist and 5.00pm Christingle Service are now available at <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, Bridget Smith (priest), David Smith, Barbara Tittensor, Margaret Waddington

The Housebound and Those in Residential Care

Audrey Banks, Sheila Day, 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

John Webster

(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

20 Annie Wright

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Constantly he comes. He came as a man into our human situation, accepted human experience as his own and lived it through to the bitter end, in order that what was bitter might be turned to sweetness and human experience become an expression of his sacrificial, redeeming love... He is born in us continually as our minds, our actions and our prayers are Christified. But this is a lifetimes task, and we need to pray constantly from the still pre-Christian areas in us, 'Come, Lord Jesus'

Maria Boulding, *The Coming of God*, Canterbury Press, 2001, p.9

Light Up the Minster!

Sponsor a Candle this Christmas

Keep our historic treasure shining bright – Light Up the Minster!

This Christmas, we invite everyone who holds the Minster close to their heart to support its future. If you worship here, if you cherish the Minster's ancient buildings and gardens, if you're inspired by the wonderful Cathedral Choir, or if you enjoy our fabulous concerts and community events, please consider donating today to help preserve this beautiful place for generations to come.

We invite you to sponsor a candle through our **Light Up the Minster** appeal. With a Christmas donation from £50, you can dedicate a candle in memory of a loved one, to mark a personal milestone, or simply to show your support. All supporters of Light Up the Minster will receive a special limited edition candle holder created by a local craftsman. To find out more visit

<https://www.southwellminster.org/lightuptheminster/>

All donations, no matter the amount, are important to us – if you would like to make a smaller donation, please click <https://www.southwellminster.org/donate-to-southwell-minster/>

Why your support matters

It costs £3,000 a day to run the Cathedral, to preserve and maintain our sacred heritage. We receive no government funding, and the Church of England contributes only 25% of funds required to keep the Minster operating. As a charity, we must raise everything else ourselves.

So far, we have received donations of over £3,600 towards a target of at least £5,000 – many thanks to those who have donated thus far. Please consider making a Christmas gift to the Minster to help sustain us during the festive season.

Together we will keep this historic treasure shining bright!

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

[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.

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.

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.

Christingle Service, Sunday 15 December, 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 Olivier Messiaen that had been scheduled to take place this Sunday 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).

THE WEEK AHEAD

[Bubl  Christmas by Candlelight](#), **Monday 16 December, 7.30pm.** Featuring a live Big Band and the UK's number one Michael Bubl  tribute act, join us for an unforgettable evening of Christmas hits made famous by the one and only Michael Bubl ! Tickets available via the Minster website.

Carol Service at Southwell Court, Tuesday 17 December, 6.30pm. As we have done for many years, The Minster will again be holding a service of Christmas readings and Carols at Southwell Court Care Home on Tuesday 17 December at 6.30pm. Nick Thorpe and singers drawn from Southwell Choral Society will lead the singing and perform seasonal pieces, and this event is always much enjoyed by all who attend. Everyone is welcome!

[Southwell Music Festival](#) – **A Christmas Celebration, Wednesday 18 December, 7.30pm.** Join Southwell Music Festival Artistic Director Marcus Farnsworth and the Southwell Festival Voices for a programme that shines a spotlight on carols, old and new, promising to be a special evening of music and poetry reflecting on themes of hope and peace. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Clive Mantle has had to step down as narrator at this year's concert. However, actor Richard Goulding will be taking on the role. Richard's on-stage credits include work with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Almeida and the National Theatre. His recent television and film credits include *The Crown* (Netflix), *A Very British Scandal* (BBC) and *Wicked Little Letters*. Details about the full programme for the evening can be found at <https://www.southwellmusicfestival.com/2024/12/a-christmas-celebration-at-southwell-minster/>. Book your tickets at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwell-music-festival/a-christmas-celebration/e-rillyop>.

[Christmas by Candlelight](#), **Saturday 21 December, 7.30pm.** Featuring sing-along classics such as 'White Christmas', 'Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!', 'Santa Baby', 'O Holy Night' and 'Winter Wonderland', this uplifting concert is the perfect way to celebrate a 'Holly Jolly Christmas' with all the family! Tickets available via the Minster website.

Carols at the Court. A team from Southwell Baptist Church will be leading a Christmas Carol Service at Southwell Court Care Home on Thursday 19 December at 2.30pm. We should be delighted to be joined by members of the other Churches to express our unity in celebrating Christmas. The residents and staff always make us welcome and it's great to sing and praise God together. We normally meet just outside the front door at 2.15pm for a word of prayer before going in together, so if you can join us, we'd be delighted to see you. If you have any queries, please ring 01636 815762 or 07790 520504. *Arderne Gillies*

Historic Chapter Library. To celebrate the Christmas season, we have on display a late eighteenth century copy of John Milton's poem *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*, an early Book of Common Prayer, and an old favourite, the beautiful template of holly and ivy for the Simpson choir pew end. If you would like to see more of the collections held in the Historic Library, please email library@southwellminster.org.uk.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

Dean Nicola. We have almost completed our move to Clevedon in North Somerset. Thank you again for the many cards, gifts and kind messages received in recent weeks. We leave Southwell with deep gratitude to God for the last eight years living and ministering among you and will continue to remember and pray for you. We enjoyed seeing those who dropped in for coffee on 30 November — over £111 was donated for The Residence honey, towards Minster funds! Every blessing for this coming joyful Christmas season. *Nicola and Terry*

Give Fairtrade Gifts this Christmas. The Minster Shop did a roaring trade at our Craft Fair in early November, particularly with the Fairtrade stall. There are still good Fairtrade things to buy as gifts from the Minster Shop, but also the Fairtrade Foundation has produced a Christmas Gift Guide this year, to help us locate and buy gifts produced by Fairtrade producers around the world. The guide is online and can be found with the link: www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/ethical-christmas-gifts/ By choosing Fairtrade you are sharing good tidings, fairer prices and better terms of trade with the producers who play a huge, yet overlooked, role in our lives and celebrations. Please think 'Fairtrade' when choosing your Christmas gifts!

Southwell Minster Fairtrade Group

Pastoral Care. An updated Pastoral Care leaflet 'How Can We Help?' which outlines the care offered by the Minster community is now available. It can be found in the Crossing or the Candle Chapel.

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 16 January, 6 February and 6 March. Where: Kings Court Community Centre, Southwell. For more information telephone 07300 657575 or e-mail: contact@tretdementia.org.uk

SERVICES AND FAITH

Cathedral Carol Services, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December, 7.00pm. Our 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. *This service is un-ticketed and likely to be very popular. We recommend arriving well in advance of the service start time to guarantee a seat with a view.*

Crib Services, Tuesday 24 December, 11.00am and 2.00pm. The Crib Service is a joyful opportunity for families to enter the Christmas spirit, with children dressing up as characters from the Christmas story. All welcome.

Cathedral opening between Christmas Day and New Year. As usual, on weekdays from Boxing Day to New Year's Day (inclusive), the Minster will be open for a shorter day, with Morning Prayer at 9.00am and Evening Prayer at 3.30pm. The Minster will close from 4.00pm.

The Three Miracles: The Cathedral Epiphany Procession, Sunday 12 January, 3.30pm. 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.

A Pilgrimage to Turkey, 5–15 May 2025, including Cappadocia, Asia Minor and Istanbul (Constantinople), led by the Very Revd Adrian Dorber, Dean Emeritus of Litchfield, assisted by Dean Nicola. This is a unique journey tracing the early Christian diaspora, the missionary journeys of the apostles and the splendour of ancient Constantinople with opportunities for prayer and worship each day, with Eucharists in key locations. All-inclusive price £2,474.00, flying from Birmingham. Please contact adriandorber@hotmail.com or 07495 741547 for a brochure and more details.

Our **Daily Intercessions booklet** for December 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

Advent and Christmas brochure. Copies of our Advent and Christmas brochure, giving details of our seasonal events and concerts, are now available in the Minster. Full details can also be found at www.southwellminster.org/christmas2024.

[Coldplay by Candlelight](#), **Friday 17 January, 7.30pm**. Featuring a spectacular cast of world class vocalists and an epic live band, prepare to experience Coldplay's biggest hits, like never before! Tickets available via the Minster website.

[Jersey Boys by Candlelight](#), **Saturday 18 January, 7.30pm**. Join us for an incredible night of smash hit's made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, performed by one of the UK's leading Jersey Boys tribute acts and featuring an epic live band. Tickets available via the Minster website.

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, Tinned Fruit, Toilet Roll. Check the website for less urgent items. The Foodbank also accepts donations of money. 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 22 December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent O Rex Gentium

- 7.40am Litany** Quire
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP Quire
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
Advent Prose • Mozart *Spatzenmesse* • Byrd *Rorate caeli*
Peeters *Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur "Ave maris stella"*
- 3.30pm Evensong** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: Canon Angela Ashwin, *Reader*
Goldschmidt *A tender shoot* • Moore *Responses*
Office Hymn: *Conditor alme siderum* • Psalms 123
Isaiah 10: 33–11: 10 • Dyson *in F* • Matthew 1: 18–end
Farrington *Nova, nova!* • Hymn 16
Bach *Fugue in B minor*, BWV 544ii

Monday 23 December

O Emmanuel

- 8.30am Morning Prayer** CW *St Oswald's Chapel*
- 12.15pm Holy Communion** CW *St Oswald's Chapel*
- 7.00pm Carol Service I** *Nave*
Moore *This is the truth* • Poston *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*
I. Holst *Out of your sleep* • Willcocks *Angelus ad virginem*
Howells *Sing lullaby* • Rutter *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*
Bingham *And lo! The star* • Chilcott *Les Anges*
Bach *In dulci júbilo*, BWV 729 • Dupré *Prelude and Fugue in B*

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

8.30am	Morning Prayer CW	<i>St Oswald's Chapel</i>
9.00am	Holy Communion CW	<i>St Oswald's Chapel</i>
11.00am	Crib Service	<i>Nave</i>
2.00pm	Crib Service	<i>Nave</i>
3.30pm	Evensong BCP Manz <i>E'en so, Lord Jesus</i> • Moore <i>Responses</i> Office Hymn: <i>Personent Hodie</i> • Psalm 85 Zechariah 2 • Antiphon: <i>Cum ortus fuerit</i> Stanford <i>in A</i> • Revelation 1: 1-8 • MacMillan <i>A New Song</i> Messiaen <i>Dieu parmi nous</i> (from <i>La Nativité du Seigneur</i>)	<i>Quire</i>
7.00pm	Carol Service II <i>Music as on Monday 23 December</i>	<i>Nave</i>
11.15pm	Eucharist of Christmas Night CW <i>Sung by the Minster Chorale</i> Preacher: The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams Haydn <i>Missa Sancti Nicolai</i> • Mawby <i>Psalm 150</i> Rutter <i>Nativity Carol</i> • Owens <i>The holly and the ivy</i> Widor <i>Toccata</i> (from <i>Symphony No 5</i>)	<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>

Wednesday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 7.40am **Litany** *Quire*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion with Carols** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
- 10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*
Chilcott *Les Anges* • *Vierne Final (from Symphony No 1)*
- 11.15am **Festal Mattins** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Wood Ding dong! • *Moore Responses*
Stanford in A • *Warlock Benedicamus Domino*
Balbastre Quand Jésus naquit à Noël
- 12.15pm **Holy Communion** CW *Quire*
- 3.30pm **Evening Prayer with Carols** BCP *Quire*

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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