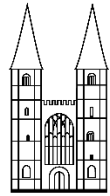


PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

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

Online Orders of Service

The Orders of Service for most of our services over the Christmas period 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, Lucy Grimsey, Rebekah Harbour, Elizabeth Ingram, Richard Kirton (priest), Lynn Raynor (priest), Edwin Ward, Fearn

The Recently Departed

Timothy Tyndell (priest), Grenville Ward, 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

- 22 Ronald Edgar Banks
- 24 Kathleen Emily Greaves
- 25 John Edwin Smith
- 26 Dennis Brown
- 27 Maureen Thorpe
- 28 Jean Astle, Carmen Pogson, John Savage
- 29 Michael Austin
- 30 Patrick Maiden
- 31 Sylvia Joan Doel
- 4 Lucy Harrison
- 5 Christine Whitehouse
- 6 Tom Homer
- 9 Daphne Jill Hughes
- 10 Laurence Craik, Ron Cripps, Tony Haywood, Jennifer Jane Nall

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the week beginning Sunday 22 December

Christmas is saying 'yes' to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying 'yes' to a hope based on God's initiative, which has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work and not mine. Things will never look just right or feel just right. If they did, someone would be lying... But it is into this broken world that a child is born who is called Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, Savior.

Henri J M Nouwen, *Advent & Christmas – Wisdom from Henri Nouwen*, Liguori, p.50

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the week beginning Sunday 29 December

At Christmas we celebrate the love of God for us, which shows itself in the fragile bundle of the child Jesus. We celebrate our love of God through the person of Jesus. Perhaps it is true we can only love what we can get our arms round. To love we need a particular, a particular face, a particular person. And we have God's particular in Jesus. When we look at Jesus we no longer have to guess at God: the best of what we know about God is revealed in Jesus.

Denis McBride, *Journeying towards Jesus in Advent*, Redemptorist, p.112-113

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the week beginning Sunday 5 January

Reflecting on the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to Jesus, Margaret Silf writes: What 'stars' have you followed through your life? Where have they led? Where are they leading you now? What is it that keeps you going, as you follow the star of your deepest desiring and dreaming? The Magi offered the child Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh — symbols of kingly power, of prayer and of sorrow. What might these gifts mean to you?

Margaret Silf, *Wayfaring: A Gospel Journey into Life*, DLT, 2001, p.76

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 £4,775 – please help us reach at least £6000. 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

Please note that this week's **Pew News** (and Mini Pew News for those attending Minster services) will be the last edition until after the Christmas break, with the first edition of the new year appearing on Sunday 12 January. Any notices for consideration to appear in the next edition should be sent to newsletter@southwellminster.org.uk by 11am on Thursday 9 January.

[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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.

The **Minster Office** will be closed for the Christmas break between 5pm on Monday 23 December and 9am on Thursday 2 January. If you require urgent assistance during this time, please phone 01636 817290.

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.

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

Recruitment campaign for Chapter members launched. The Cathedral has launched a campaign to recruit new non-executive Trustees, or Lay Chapter members. Chapter is the Southwell Cathedral's governing body, responsible for its governance and strategic direction. Recruitment consultants IPB Group are supporting the process, and Chapter and its Nominations Committee are very grateful for the flexibility they've shown. The recruitment pack can be found on the Cathedral website at [Chapter and Committee Vacancies | Southwell Minster](#) – please do read it if you're interested. If members of the Cathedral community would like to find out more about Chapter membership or the recruitment process they can contact jan.richardson@southwellminster.org.uk or david.coulthard@southwellminster.org.uk The closing date for applications is 15 January with interviews scheduled for 27–29 January.

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

Epiphany Sung Eucharist with Installations of Acting Residentiary Canons. At our Sung Eucharist for the feast of the Epiphany, on Monday 6 January at 7.30pm, Bishop Paul will join us to install the Revd Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox and the Revd Amanda Lees as our Acting Canon Pastor and Canon Missioner. There will be festive refreshments to follow. All are very welcome.

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.

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Ceremony of Carols sung by the Cathedral Choristers. This concert, postponed from December, will now be taking place on **Friday 10 January at 1.30pm**. As the first of our Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral series for 2025, the Cathedral Choristers, with Thea Maund (harp), perform Benjamin Britten's timeless *A Ceremony of Carols*, alongside other music for the festive season. Free admission with a retiring collection. The concert will be preceded by tea and coffee available from 1pm onwards.

[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](#).

Monday 23 December

O Emmanuel

8.30am	Morning Prayer CW	St Oswald's Chapel
12.15pm	Holy Communion CW	St Oswald's Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Quire
7.00pm	Carol Service I	Nave
	Moore <i>This is the truth</i> • Poston <i>Jesus Christ the Apple Tree</i> I. Holst <i>Out of your sleep</i> • Willcocks <i>Angelus ad virginem</i> Howells <i>Sing lullaby</i> • Rutter <i>Shepherd's Pipe Carol</i> Bingham <i>And lo! The star</i> • Chilcott <i>Les Anges</i> Bach <i>In dulci jubilo</i> , BWV 729 • Dupré <i>Prelude and Fugue in B</i>	

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

8.30am	Morning Prayer CW	St Oswald's Chapel
<u>9.00am</u>	Holy Communion CW	St Oswald's Chapel
11.00am	Crib Service	Nave
2.00pm	Crib Service	Nave
3.30pm	Evensong BCP	Quire
	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>)	
7.00pm	Carol Service II	Nave
	<i>Music as on Monday 23 December</i>	
11.15pm	Eucharist of Christmas Night CW	Nave (and live-streamed)
	<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>)	

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, *Interim 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*

Sunday 29 December

The First Sunday of Christmas

- 7.40am **Litany** *Quire*
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
- 10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Sarah Patten, *Diocesan Principal for Wellbeing and Development*
Thorne Mass of St Thomas • *Portman Toccata on the Huron Carol*
- 3.30pm **Evening Prayer** *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*

Saturday 4 January

- 5.30pm Evensong** *Quire*
sung by the choir of St Peter's, Nottingham
Scheidt *A child is born in Bethlehem* • Forbes L'Estrange *Responses*
Office Hymn: *A solis ortus cardine* • Psalms 85 & 87
Ruth 3 • Murrill *in E* • Colossians 3: 12–4: 1
Rutter *Love came down at Christmas* • Hymn 31
Bédard *Variations sur 'In Dulci Jubilo'*

Sunday 5 January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

- 7.40am Litany** *Quire*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
Thorne *Mass of St Thomas* • Bédard *Postlude sur un Noël*
- 3.30pm First Evensong of The Epiphany** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
sung by the choir of St Mary's, Newark
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Vicar*
Handl *Omnes de Saba* • Smith *Responses*
Office Hymn: *Hostes Herodes* • Psalms 96 & 97
Isaiah 49: 1–13 • Antiphon: *Tribus miraculis*
MacDonald *in A flat* • John 4: 7–26
Edwards *No small wonder* • Hymn 48
Bach *In dir ist Freude*, BWV 615
- 4.45pm Westgate/Friends in Faith Epiphany Service** *Nave*

Monday 6 January

The Epiphany

- 5.30pm **Evensong** *sung by the Girl Choristers* BCP Quire
- 7.30pm **Epiphany Sung Eucharist with Installations of Acting Residentiary Canons.** Quire
sung by the Minster Chorale
Haydn *Missa Sancti Nicolai*
Psalm 72: 10–15 • Crotch *Lo! star-led chiefs*
Buxtehude *Chorale Fantasie on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgernstern"*, BUXWV 223

Sunday 12 January

The Baptism of Christ The First Sunday of Epiphany

- 7.40am **Litany** Quire
- 8.00am **Holy Communion** BCP Quire
Preacher: The Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
- 10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Stephen Hippisley-Cox, *Acting Canon Pastor*
Thorne *Mass of St Thomas* • Buxtehude *Toccata in F*, BUXWV 157
- 11.15am **Sung Eucharist** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
Walton *Missa brevis*
Willcocks *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*
Nicholson *Tantum ergo*
Tournemire *Fantaisie (from L'Orgue Mystique VII)*
- 3.30pm **The Three Miracles: The Cathedral Epiphany Procession** *Nave*
Palestrina *Tribus miraculis* • Poulenc *Videntes stellam*
Allain *Cana's Guest* • Holst *This have I done*
Bingham *The Clouded Heaven* • Litaize *Épiphanie*
- 6.30pm **Organ Meditation** Quire
performed by Jonathan Allsopp
Messiaen *La Nativité du Seigneur*

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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