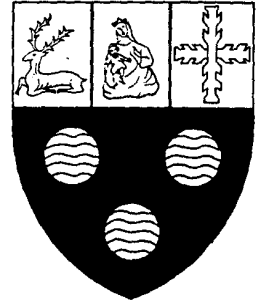


Southwell  
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# EVENSONG

*on the Sunday during the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

**The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday 19 January 2025  
3.30pm

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

The service is led by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

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## **The Service of Evensong**

The experience of the service of Evensong is unique. It takes place at the end of the working day, and the choir leads worship through their singing. The service is centred around the singing of psalms, ancient texts that speak powerfully and accessibly to our very human hopes, fears and dreams. Every service of Evensong also includes two canticles, or songs, recorded in St Luke's Gospel: the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. Both canticles focus on hope and the fulfilment of what God promised to his people, and so have acted as a foundation for prayer and reflection towards the end of the day for many hundreds of years. The beauty of daily sung services in cathedrals is that no two composers' interpretation of these texts is the same, so in the repetition of familiar texts we find fresh meaning every single day.

The gift of the service of Evensong is that it requires little active participation from the congregation; it is a service of respite from the stresses of the day. Our hope is that those of you for whom this is your first taste of Evensong will let yourselves be immersed in the experience: you need simply to be receptive, and to allow yourself to be carried by the choir in song and prayer. In letting others take on the responsibility for prayer on your behalf, you are left with greater freedom to be open to the presence and grace of God.

## **Standing, Sitting and Kneeling**

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture, especially if standing or kneeling is uncomfortable.

## **The Revd Andy Fyall**

Andy is Chair of the Nottingham & Derby Methodist District and is the Methodist Church's representative to the General Synod of the Church of England.

He is husband to Helen, also a Methodist Minister who is currently serving as a Hospital Chaplain, and dad to Hannah and Matthew. He has served in the Cardiff, Nottingham (South) and Stamford Circuits, before moving to Nottingham in 2022 as Chair of the District.

In his spare time Andy enjoys spending time with family, walking, cycling cooking and choral singing.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Romance (from Symphony No 4)*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him praise  
The Babe, the son of Mary.

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*Tune: GREENSLEEVES NEH 40*  
*English traditional*  
*arr. Paul Provost (b. 1985)*

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers*

PRECES *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord:  
The Lord's name be praised.

*Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)*

WELCOME given by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell

OFFICE HYMN



A - men.

O Trinity of blessed light,  
O Unity of primal might,  
The fiery sun now goes his way,  
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

**To thee our morning song of praise,  
To thee our evening prayer we raise,  
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,  
For ever and for evermore.**

O Trinity, O Unity,  
Thou help of man's infirmity,  
Protect us through the hours of night,  
Who art our everlasting light.

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Let glory, praise and worship be  
From age to age eternally.  
Amen.**

Words: Latin, attributed to St Ambrose (c. 339-397)  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.

Tune: O LUX BEATA NEH 54 (t. i)  
Mode viii

*Please sit*

O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
     sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:  
     be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
 Declare his honour unto the heathen:  
     and his wonders unto all people.  
 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:  
     he is more to be feared than all gods.  
 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:  
     but it is the Lord that made the heavens.  
 Glory and worship are before him:  
     power and honour are in his sanctuary.  
 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:  
     ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.  
 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:  
     bring presents, and come into his courts.  
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
     let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:  
     and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot  
         be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.  
 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:  
     let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.  
 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:  
     then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.  
 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:  
     and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with  
         his truth.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
     and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
     world without end. Amen.

*Chant: Walter Alcock (1861-1947)*

*Please sit*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

*Please stand*

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN D  
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*Please sit*



I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Please stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation.  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 2: 29-32*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN D  
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*Please turn east to face the High Altar*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Please turn back*

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

*sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us:

Christ, have mercy upon us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King:

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people:

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who dost govern all things in heaven and earth;  
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people,  
and grant us thy peace all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69) and John Harper (b. 1947)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the choir*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations as the earth bringeth forth her bud.

*Words: from Isaiah 61*

*Music: from THE APOSTLES  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

*HOMILY given by the Revd Andy Fyall,  
District Chair of Nottingham and Derby Methodist District*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited.*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Glennis Hobbs  
on behalf of Churches Together in Southwell*

*One of the following responses, or another, may be used:*

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

**Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

**THE GRACE**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



**1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.**

**3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**4. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.**

*Words: Samuel Stone (1839-1900) NEH 484*

*Tune: AURELIA NEH 167  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*

BLESSING *given by the Dean*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

*Music: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers and choirs depart*

*Final (from Symphony No 9 'Gothique')*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*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/>.*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025.** This runs from 18 to 25 January. Churches Together in Southwell have organised a series of opportunities to come together and pray for this important movement. There will be coffee, tea, cakes and prayer in Southwell Methodist Church from 10.00am on Monday 20, a soup lunch and prayer in the Baptist Church from 12.00 noon on Wednesday 22, coffee, tea, cakes and prayer at Our Lady of Victories from 5.30pm on Thursday 23, a simple lunch and prayer at Holy Trinity from 12.00 noon on Friday 24, and a dedicated CTiS Forum at the Riverside Centre from 10.00am on Saturday 25. Everyone is welcome to any of these gatherings, to pray for and to strengthen the unity between our churches.

**Joint Evensong with the Choir of Nottingham Cathedral, Saturday 25 January.** Next Saturday at 5.30pm, on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, which is also the last day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Cathedral Choir will be singing Evensong in the Minster jointly with the choir of St Barnabas' Roman Catholic Cathedral, Nottingham. Please join us if you are able for this final event of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Southwell.

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