



Southwell Minster

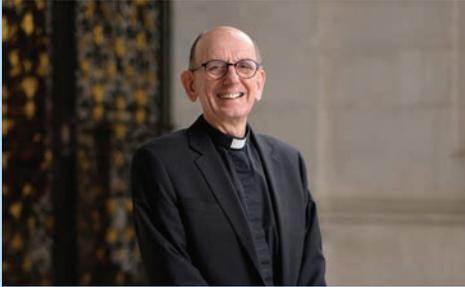
Cathedral ♦ Gardens ♦ Palace

WHAT'S ON

Spring 2025



WELCOME



Welcome to Southwell Minster's What's On Guide for Spring 2025! I am delighted to introduce this vibrant season of worship, events and activities, offering something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are a regular visitor, new to the Minster, or just passing through, we warmly invite you to engage with all that's on offer.

Southwell Minster is a place of beauty, peace and welcome for all. I hope this guide inspires you to join us and experience the spirit of this remarkable place this Spring.

The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans
Interim Dean of Southwell



ACCESSIBILITY: Lifts allow access to the Chapter House and State Chamber. We have a wheelchair available and there are large-print guides, braille guides, tactile models of the Minster and a loop hearing system.



Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome in the Minster, its grounds and gardens.



Southwell Minster's *What's On Guide* is generously supported by Newark & Sherwood District Council

EXHIBITION



Threads through the Bible

7 March – 5 May, throughout the Minster

Declaring God's love in 25 million stitches...

Threads through the Bible is made up of three huge sequences, *Threads through Creation*, *Threads through the Cross* and *Threads through Revelation* to create one extraordinary display of textile art.

This 44-panel exhibition has taken ten years to create and is made up of more than 25 million stitches. If presented side by side, they would stretch more than 80 metres.

This will probably be not only the largest textile project by a single artist ever, but also the largest textile project for over 600 years. It will be astonishing in its scale and variety and we're very excited to be able to host this wonderful installation at Southwell Minster.

Free entry, suggested donation of £5 per person or £10 for families

EXPLORE



Guided Tours

Book a tour and discover 1,000 years of history! ♦ Bell Tower Tour ♦ Archbishop's Palace Tour ♦ Minster Tour ♦ Palace Garden Tour with the Head Gardener ♦ Group Tours

"An afternoon of pure MAGIC."

Tour participant

For details visit our website or scan the QR code.



Exploring Faith

Hosted by Bishop Paul & Sarah Williams with Southwell Minster.

An opportunity to explore how faith in Jesus can bring new peace and hope in our lives and the world today. Exploring Faith begins on **26 February** with an introductory evening for those interested to know more. Then every **Wednesday from 12 March – 9 April**.

Starts at 6.30pm with a simple supper at Bishop's Manor, finishing by 9pm. All are welcome. Sign up at southwell.anglican.org/exploring-faith or call 01636 817990.

WORSHIP

Our daily worship is the heartbeat of the Cathedral. All are welcome.

 indicates that services are live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

Services and times are subject to variation. See our website for details.

DAILY WORSHIP

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.15pm Holy Communion (9am on Saturdays)

5.30pm Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir
(said Evening Prayer on Wednesdays)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7.40am Litany

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist 

3.30pm Evensong 

2nd Sunday of each month

10am A short, informal Cathedral Eucharist with no choir and plenty of congregational participation – the perfect introduction for those who are new to church, or perhaps returning after time away.

11.15am A beautiful Sung Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer, featuring wonderful choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir and with full ceremonial, including incense.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Mothering Sunday Eucharist

Sunday 30 March, 10am, Nave

A joyful for service for all ages, celebrating our mothers, and all those who care for us. With posies for mums and carers.

Ash Wednesday: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 5 March, 7.30pm, Quire

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection and growth. This service includes 'ashing' – the invitation to be signed with a cross of ash, as a sign of wanting to make a new start with God.

Easter Day Eucharist

Sunday 20 April, 10am, Nave

Join us for the most joyful day of the year, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with festal Easter music and the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham's Easter sermon. With children's activities – and an Easter Egg hunt after the service!

For services in Holy Week, see the separate leaflet for details or visit southwellminster.org/easter2025

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

NOTTINGHAM
FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE
& CURIOSITY

Children's Trail

Minster through a Microscope

Friday 14 – Sunday 23
February

Grab a torch and binoculars and see what you can discover. Trail booklets available from the Welcome Desk in the Minster.

Family Fun Day

Festival of Science and Curiosity

Monday 17 February
10.30am – 3pm

Drop-in science activities, crafts and demonstrations, plus fantastic workshops. Refreshments available.

Free entry (no booking necessary)



Melody Makers

Saturdays during term
time | 10 – 10.45am |
Trebeck Hall

A choir especially for children in school years 1 and 2. Learn great songs, explore different styles, and perform in a concert at the end of term. No experience necessary – just enthusiasm to give it a go!

£5 a session. To join, come along to a session or email paul.provost@southwellminster.org.uk

The Good Friday Experience

Friday 18 April, 10am,
Nave

Come and learn more about what happened on the first Good Friday, and the people who were there. An activity morning for children and all the family.



Easter Family Trail

Monday 10 March –
Sunday 20 April

Find out how the Minster tells the story of Easter. *Pick up a free Trail Booklet from the Welcome Desk in the Minster*



Every Sunday @ 10am

Activities, games, crafts and Bible stories for children every Sunday, term-time only, during the 10am Cathedral Eucharist. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent/carer. During school holidays, children's activity packs are available for use during the service.

MUSIC



Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral

Fridays, 1.30pm, Nave

Enjoy a tea or coffee as you soak up superb music in a relaxed environment.

7 February Edyon (bassoon and cello) | **21 February** Wind Ensemble | **7 March** Rosalind Burrows – Sax and Song | **21 March** Pupils of the Minster School | **4 April** Cellos in concert | **25 April** Carmen Flores (viola) and Richard Hinsley (piano) | **2 May** The Charnwood Voices | **16 May** Timothy Selman (organ) | **30 May** Chopin piano music | **13 June** Songs and Legends of Robin Hood – Bingham Choral Society | **27 June** Song Recital with Lizzy Humphries (soprano) and Jonathan Allsopp (piano)

Free entry; donations welcome. Proceeds support the Cathedral Choristers

Durufié, Poulenc and Vaughan Williams

Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm, The Nave

Sinfonia Viva, the Orchestra of the East Midlands, teams up with four Cathedral Choirs for a spectacular concert combining beautiful orchestral and choral music.

Vaughan Williams *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* | Poulenc *Organ Concerto* | Durufié *Requiem*

Featuring the Cathedral Choirs of Coventry, Derby, Leicester and Southwell.

Tickets £5 – £40. Book online: www.sinfoniaviva.co.uk Phone: 0333 666 3366

Come & Sing Haydn's Nelson Mass

Saturday 15 February, Registration from 9.30am, workshop 10am, Performance 1-1.30pm, The Nave

Join Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music at Hereford Cathedral, to discover a true gem of the Classical era.

£15 participant fee (U18s free). To book your place, complete the booking form on our website

ROCK & POP



Stainer's The Crucifixion

Sunday 13 April, 7.30pm,
The Nave

Join us for a devotional performance of John Stainer's famous Passiontide oratorio. Performed by Southwell Minster Chorale.

Free entry (no reserved seating) with a retiring collection to support the work of Southwell Minster Choir Association

Southwell Chamber Choir

Saturday 17 May, 11–11.30am, Chapter House

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Southwell's fantastic new chamber choir performing a cappella works inspired by the Virgin Mary, directed by Jonathan Allsopp.

Free entry



Music in the State Chamber

Sundays, 7.30pm, State Chamber

18 May The Ridgeway Chorale

22 June The Cathedral Choristers

Free entry (no reserved seating) with a retiring collection to support the work of Southwell Minster Choir Association

Pilgrim Cello

Tuesday 27 May, 1.30pm,
The Nave

Join Poet and Cellist Kenneth Wilson, who is undertaking a 2,000-mile bicycle pilgrimage around all 42 Anglican Cathedrals, performing a *Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus*.

Free entry



U2 by Candlelight

Thursday 20 February,
7.30pm

An Evening of Radiohead

Thursday 27 February,
7.30pm

Country by Candlelight

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm

Queen by Candlelight

Thursday 15 May, 7.30pm

Pink Floyd by Candlelight

Thursday 5 June, 7.30pm

Doors open 6.45pm, concerts start 7.30pm. Licensed bar at all concerts

More information and tickets on our website

GARDENS



Spring Plant Hunters' Fair

Sunday 18 May, 11am – 4pm

A wide selection of plants for sale from nurseries throughout the country, including many rare species. Join us in the gardens of The Archbishop's Palace for this popular event.

£2 suggested donation: pay at the gate

CRAFT



Spring Craft Fair

Saturday 24 May, 10am – 3.30pm

One of the East Midlands' biggest craft fairs. Whether you're looking for jewellery, ceramics, embroidery, or pretty much anything else, this is one fair not to miss!

£3 suggested donation on entry

LECTURES



Robin Hood: The Legend

Sunday 4 May, 25 May, 20 July after Evensong, State Chamber

Cathedral Lectures will explore the history and contemporary relevance of that Nottinghamshire legend and green man, Robin Hood.

For details of speakers please see our website.

*£5 suggested donation on entry.
Refreshments available*



The Southwell Dragon

Monday 19 May, 1pm, State Chamber

Did you know that the oldest object in the Minster is a wonderful carving of a dragon? Join Christine Rauer of the University of St Andrews to learn how to interpret medieval dragon imagery, and what dragons meant to people in the Middle Ages.

£8 – book on our website. Refreshments available

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