The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima) Sunday 23 February 2025

Southwell Minster THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

sung by Laudes

Preces and Responses: John Reading (c. 1685/86-1764)

Setting: Evening Service in A, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon. It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet, the purple Office Hymn booklet and the green New English Hymnal you will find available in the stalls. In addition, you may wish to refer to the burgundy Book of Common Prayer (for the Psalms) and the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).

INTROIT sung by the choir from the North Transept

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Words: CROSSING THE BAR Lord Alfred Tennyson (1809-92) Music: Graham Jordan Ellis

PRECES (see page 4 of Evensong booklet)

The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell

OFFICE HYMN

O Trinity of blessèd light

(page 9 of the Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 147

(page 534 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3

(see page 3 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

MAGNIFICAT (see page 5 of Evensong booklet)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 6: 25-end

(see page 9 in the New Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

NUNC DIMITTIS (see page 6 of Evensong booklet)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see page 6 of Evensong booklet)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (see page 7 of Evensong booklet)

including

COLLECT FOR SEXAGESIMA

O Lord God,

who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do;

Mercifully grant that by thy power

we may be defended against all adversity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Te lucis ante terminum Rerum creator poscimus Ut pro tua clementia Sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium phantasmata
Hostemque nostrum comprime
Ne polluantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

Words: Office Hymn at Compline translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ thine only Son, Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

> Music: EVENING HYMN Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

HOMILY given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Dean

OFFERTORY HYMN during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral Lord of beauty, thine the splendour (NEH 265)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

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