

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 9 February

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 7.40am Litany** Quire
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP Quire
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW Nave (and live-streamed)
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
Thorne Mass of St Thomas
Choveaux March (from Three Pieces for Organ)
- 11.15am Sung Eucharist** BCP Quire (and live-streamed)
Preacher: The Revd Stephen Hippisley-Cox, *Acting Canon Pastor*
Schubert in G • *Rutter God be in my head*
Mozart Ave verum corpus
Bach Allegro (from Concerto in C, BWV 594)
- 3.30pm Evensong** BCP Quire (and live-streamed)
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*
Ford Almighty God, who hast me brought • *Smith Responses*
Office Hymn: O Lux beata Trinitas • *Psalm 2*
Wisdom 6: 1–21 • *Gibbons Second Service* • *Colossians 3: 1–22*
Byrd Christ rising again from the dead • *Hymn 388*
Bach Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Online Orders of Service

The Order of Service for our choral services this Sunday is 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

Amanda Askari, Karim Askari, Joan Dunn, Alistair Farrant, Jill Frost, David Green, Christine Homer, Olga Hudson, Alison Jones, Audrey Jones, David Keene (priest), Glynn Lloyd, Jean Meats, Les Meats, Susan Moses, Robin Old, Liz Rose, Bridget Smith (priest), David Smith, Barbara Tittensor

The Housebound and Those in Residential Care

Audrey Banks, Alan Holmes, Sue Hopkin, Joan Larke, Pam Storey

The Family of the Church in the Diocese and Beyond

Noelle Chiu, Lucy Grimsey, Rebekah Harbour, Richard Kirton (priest), Lynn Raynor (priest), Margaret Tattersfield, Edwin Ward, Hilary Wellington, Fearn

The Recently Departed

Sheila Day, Martin Stancliffe

(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

9 Jean Gimbert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Believing in heaven allows us to catch a glimpse of the world as it might be. A world shaped not solely by the things of earth and humanity, but by heaven and the love and compassion of God in whom absolute righteousness, justice and mercy reside; a world governed not by the principles of self-interest and self-survival but by God's principles of love, justice and compassion. Believing in heaven introduces a new dimension into the life we live today.

Paula Gooder, *Heaven*, SPCK, 2011, p.101

GET READY FOR LENT

Lent begins on Wednesday 5 March. As well as Lent services, why not try a Lent course? There's lots of courses to choose from, offering a chance to dive a bit deeper into faith — no preparation needed, and you will not be asked to speak or share unless you'd like to! Come on your own, bring a friend or come as a group. We hope the following can help you to mark this season of preparation and prayer as we journey together to Easter:

Ash Wednesday 5 March. There will be celebrations of the Eucharist at **12.15pm** — A said service with hymns, and **7.30pm** — Sung Eucharist led by the Minster Chorale. Both services will offer an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of penitence and of our commitment to keeping a holy Lent.

Courses through Lent

Exploring Faith — Hosted by Bishop Paul and Sarah Williams with Southwell Minster. Whether you're committed or just curious, these evenings are a chance to explore how faith in Jesus can bring new peace and hope in our lives and the world today. *Exploring Faith* begins on **Wednesday 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 the Bishop's Manor, Southwell followed by a short talk, conversation and finish by 9.00pm. All are welcome — to find out more or book your place, visit www.southwell.anglican.org/exploring-faith, email bishopsmanor@southwell.anglican.org, or call 01636 817990.

Ecumenical Lent Groups. Churches Together in Southwell, which represents all churches across Southwell, is offering a series of Lent House Groups. The groups will explore *100 Stand Alone Bible Studies* by Penelope Wilcock, a mother, grandmother, full-time writer and formerly a Methodist minister, school and hospice chaplain. There's a time to suit all with groups planned for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, all beginning on or after Ash Wednesday. Visit [Informal Worship | Southwell Minster](#) for more details or contact Hugh Middleton via hugh.middleton@nottingham.ac.uk.

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

[Duruflé Requiem](#): **Sinfonia Viva with the choirs of Southwell Minster and Coventry, Derby and Leicester Cathedrals, Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm.** Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* is a sublime choral work and a powerful journey through many traditions of sacred music. Written in 1947, it is a relatively recent setting of the Latin *Requiem*, but has a timeless quality built on its incorporation of Gregorian chant. For this concert the orchestra will be joined by the choirs from Southwell Minster, Derby Cathedral, Coventry Cathedral and Leicester Cathedral for an impressive spectacle of the best of Midlands music-making. The programme will also include Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and Poulenc's *Organ Concerto*.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Can you help... With the schools' education programme? The Cathedral Education Dept welcomes thousands of children and young people on school visits and family fun days each year and would love to invite some new volunteers to join our team. The annual Time Travelling Pilgrimage event is coming up in March, and this is a fantastic moment to get involved — roles include welcoming, guiding and leading activities or preparing craft materials. Please email education@southwellminster.org.uk to find out more — or you'd be welcome to pop along and introduce yourself at our forthcoming team meeting and commissioning service on Tuesday 11 February, meeting for coffee in the State Chamber at 9.45am, finishing around 1.00pm. *Diana Ives, Head of Education & Kirby Stebbing, Education Administrator.*

[Come & Sing Haydn's Nelson Mass](#), **Saturday 15 February, 9.30am.** Join Southwell Minster Choir Association for the return of their annual Come & Sing morning. Geraint Bowen, Organist & Director of Music at Hereford Cathedral, returns to take us through Joseph Haydn's exciting Nelson Mass, composed in 1798. Places are £15 (U18s free); to book a place, please see the booking form below, and return the required information to Jonathan Allsopp at jonathan.allsopp@southwellminster.org.uk.

Minster Chorale 30th Anniversary Weekend, 15–16 February. This year, the Minster Chorale celebrates its 30th birthday, and we are hosting a weekend of celebrations to mark the occasion. On Saturday 15 February at 4.30pm, the Chorale sings Evensong directed by several former Assistant Directors of Music. On Sunday morning, after the Cathedral Eucharist, cake and fizz will be served at refreshments. Finally at Evensong on the Sunday, the Chorale is joined by Lincoln Cathedral Consort for music by Charles Wood and Edward Bairstow. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for these services to help us celebrate!

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

Fairtrade Big Brew and Display. Many thanks to all who donated towards the £70.80 which was raised for the Fairtrade Foundation at last week's Big Brew. Please look at the display about Fairtrade in the North Crossing. It was mounted to coincide with the Big Brew and the Minster School's special Fairtrade Fortnight, and will be up until 14 February. The Minster is committed to using Fairtrade products wherever possible and encourages us to do the same. *Minster Fairtrade Group*

Flower Sponsorship. If you'd like to sponsor a flower arrangement in the Minster during 2025, perhaps to commemorate a loved one or a specific date, please email matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk for a copy of the booking form. The recommended donation is £40–£50.

Framework. You may have heard that Nottingham City Council are intending to withdraw funding from one of Southwell Minster's favoured recipients of charitable giving. If this were to happen it would have major implications for the well-being of many vulnerable people. In the past, letters supporting Framework from members of the Minster community have played their part in successfully resisting such a move. If you are minded, do consider writing to 'Have Your Say', Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, NG2 3NG or sharing your views online via [https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Have Your Say](https://myaccount.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/service/Have_Your_Say). *Alison Middleton*

Schedule of Cathedral Safeguarding Training Events. The following safeguarding training events will be run in the Minster Centre by Penny Turner and Vicky Thorpe.

Basic Safeguarding Training	Monday 28 April	1.30pm–4.30pm
Foundation Safeguarding Training	Wednesday 11 June	6.00pm–8.00pm
Basic Safeguarding Training	Wednesday 23 July	10.00am–1.00pm
Basic Safeguarding Training	Friday 7 November	10.00am–1.00pm
Domestic Abuse Awareness	Tuesday 2 December	1.00pm–4.00pm

Please email southwelllearninganddevelopment@southwellminster.org.uk if you wish to attend any of these courses to confirm your place.

Further in-person courses for Domestic Abuse Awareness and Leadership Safeguarding Training may be available at Jubilee House. Please contact the Safeguarding Team for further information.

In line with Church of England policies we expect our volunteers to keep their safeguarding training up to date. This means that training should be completed every three years. Therefore, if you last completed training in 2022 it will need renewing this year before the date when three years have passed. If you are unsure whether you need to update your training, or are unsure what level of training you require, please ask your group leader, Penny or Vicky.

All these safeguarding courses can also be accessed online through the Church of England safeguarding portal available [here](#). The Minster does not manage this portal so please direct any enquiries to elarning@safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org or visit the support page [here](#).

Anyone who has completed training MUST inform Matt Spillett, copied to Vicky (matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk/vicky.thorpe@southwellminster.org.uk).

If you have any questions or require any help or advice, please do contact the Safeguarding Team – we are here to help!

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 Thursday 6 March. Where: Kings Court Community Centre, Southwell. For more information telephone 07300 657575 or e-mail: contact@trentdementia.org.uk.

SERVICES AND FAITH

Ecumenical House Groups. Churches Together in Southwell is organizing a series of Lent House Groups. The material will be taken from Penelope Wilcock's *100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies*. Groups are planned for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, all beginning on or after Ash Wednesday, 5 March. More details are available in the form of a leaflet which can be found on the Southwell Minster website at [Informal Worship | Southwell Minster](#) or from Hugh Middleton via hugh.middleton@nottingham.ac.uk. All are welcome to join this opportunity of sharing with brothers and sisters from other local churches.

Weekly peace vigil. A 30-minute silent vigil for peace, especially in the Holy Land, takes place in the Minster every Tuesday at 12.45pm, following the 12.15 Eucharist. Come to St Oswald's Chapel for one or both of these events. You would be welcome. *The Justice Action Group*.

Our **Daily Intercessions** booklet for February 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

[Family Fun Day](#), **Monday 17 February, 10.30am–3.00pm**. Looking for something to do with the kids at half term? Pop along to the Minster on 17 February for some science-themed fun. Drop-in activities, games, crafts and experiments plus a 'Microscopic Minster' trail as part of the [Nottingham Festival of Science & Curiosity](#). No need to book, no charge for entry but donations are invited. Refreshments will be available to buy.

[U2 by Candlelight](#), **Thursday 20 February, 7.30pm**.

On Friday 21 February, our **lunchtime concert** starting at 1.30pm will be given by members of Nottingham Chamber Wind Ensemble. Free admission with retiring collection. Tea and coffee available from 1pm onwards.

[Chris Miggells – The Piano Experience](#), **State Chamber, Saturday 22 February, 7.30pm**.

Chris Miggells is one of the most exciting names in modern classical music. A local Nottinghamshire artist through and through, we're thrilled to welcome his debut at Southwell Minster. This is one concert not to miss! Bursting onto the music scene with his three-night sell out album launch event at the iconic Clipstone Headstocks, his critically acclaimed debut album, *Synesthesia*, is captivating audiences nationwide. Blending the beauty of music with the sharing of his inspiration and storytelling, concertgoers often report a sense of synesthesia, as if they are taken on a magical journey – where each piano piece paints a vivid picture and transports them to another world. This special evening will feature highlights from *Synesthesia*, special guest appearances, alongside the premiere of new works, which attendees will exclusively be the very first to hear.

[Country by Candlelight](#), **Friday 28 February, 7.30pm**.

[Threads through the Bible](#), **Friday 7 March to Monday 5 May, Monday – Saturday: 10am–4pm; Sunday: 12.30–3pm**. We are delighted to be just the second place in the world to host the artistic masterpiece that is Threads through the Bible by extraordinary textile artist Jacqui Parkinson. 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 incredible display of textile art. 'Threads through Creation' and 'Threads through Revelation' have been displayed in many cathedrals in Britain: this is the first time they will come together with 'Threads through the Cross'. It's a rare opportunity not to be missed. Taking ten years to create, this 44-panel exhibition is made up of more than 25 million stitches and if presented

side by side, would stretch more than 80 metres. Don't miss this powerful and moving display of faith, art, and storytelling and your chance to witness this exceptional journey through the Bible's narrative in silk artistry. Entry: suggested donation of £5 per person or £10 for families. Please see the Minster website for more information, including dates when entry to the exhibition will be limited.

A workshop and talks with Threads artist Jacqui Parkinson. An engaging series of walks and talks around particular panels with the artist will take place on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 March. There will also be a workshop led by Jacqui on the Friday in the State Chamber, where she will help you create your own piece of textile art — all materials provided. Tickets are strictly limited and can be purchased at www.southwellminster.org/threads-talks/

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

Supporting Newark Foodbank. The following items are especially needed: Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat (e.g. Chicken or Beef Stew), Instant Mashed Potato, Laundry Pods, Toilet Roll. Check the website for less urgent items. The Foodbank also accepts donations of money, which can be used to purchase items locally. Items can be donated at the following places — Co-op, One Stop, Well Pharmacy and various churches. Please see website for details of how to donate. <https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

For this week's Services and Music List, please [click here](#).

Sunday 16 February

The Third Sunday before Lent Septuagesima

- 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)*
Sung by the Minster Chorale
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
Ives *Missa brevis* • Psalm 1 • Whitlock *Be still, my soul*
Dubois *Grand Choeur in B flat*
- 3.30pm Evensong** BCP *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Sung by the Minster Chorale and Lincoln Cathedral Consort
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, *Acting Canon Missioner*
Ley *A Prayer of King Henry VI* • *Sumsion Responses*
Office Hymn: *O Lux beata Trinitas* • Psalm 6
Wisdom 11: 21–12: 11 • *Wood Collegium Regale*
Galatians 4: 8–20 • *Bairstow Blessed city, heavenly Salem*
Hymn 361 • *Mulet Carillon-Sortie*

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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