

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 1 December

The First Sunday of Advent

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| 7.40am | Litany | <i>Quire</i> |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP | <i>Quire</i> |
| | Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, <i>Interim Dean of Southwell</i> | |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist with Holy Baptism CW Nave (and live-streamed) | |
| | Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i> | |
| | Advent Prose • Walton <i>Missa brevis</i> • Ord Adam lay ybounden | |
| | Bach <i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i> , BWV 661 | |
| 6.30pm | Darkness to Light: The Cathedral Advent Procession | <i>Nave</i> |
| | Palestrina <i>Matin Responsory</i> • Byrd <i>Vigilate</i> | |
| | Briggs <i>A tender shoot</i> • Naylor <i>Vox dicentis</i> | |
| | Britten <i>A Hymn to the Virgin</i> • F. Jackson <i>Magnificat in G</i> | |
| | G. Jackson <i>Vesper Responsory</i> | |
| | Widor <i>Moderato</i> (from <i>Symphonie Gothique</i>) | |

Online Orders of Service

The Order of Service for our 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist and 6.30pm Advent Procession service are now available on our website for download from <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/orders-of-service/>. 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, Rebekah Harbour, Elizabeth Ingram, Fearn, Richard Kirton (priest), Lynn Raynor (priest), Edwin Ward

The Recently Departed

David Jones

(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

- 1 Gwendoline Dorothy Bragg
- 2 William (Bill) Bristow
- 3 Richard Godwin-Austen
- 6 Kenyon Calthrop, Ann Morton, Peter Duncan Land

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our lives are an Advent, a time of waiting, listening and hoping, a time of openness to the unimaginable gift of God... The coming of the Word made flesh was not an end to the story but a new beginning, and so the same themes of expectancy are part of our experience too, whether in our personal prayer and life with God, or in the corporate life of the Church and the human family, or both. By praying and living through these experiences we too can learn to recognize and welcome the coming of God that our world sorely needs.

Maria Boulding, *The Coming of God*, Canterbury Press, 2001, p.10

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

Tomorrow at The Residence Saturday 30 November, 10.30am–12 noon, Open House. We will be delighted to see you for coffee before we move. Do drop in ...and take away a book or two... or more! *Nicola and Terry*

Darkness to Light – the Cathedral Advent Procession. This Sunday, 1 December (Advent Sunday), we begin our journey towards Christmas with our Advent Procession. Join us as for this service of music and readings, as we reflect on the themes of waiting and preparation in Advent, and the Cathedral Choir's journey through the building reminds us of our own spiritual pilgrimage towards the light of Christ. As ever, early arrival for this service is advised.

Historic Chapter Library. To celebrate the Christmas season, we have on display from, Monday 2nd December, 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 WEEK AHEAD

Beaumont House 'Light Up A Life' Service, Monday 2 December, 7.00pm. A Christmas carol remembrance service with Beaumont House Community Hospice. Christmas is a special time of year, but for many who have lost a loved one, it can be a time with both sad and happy memories. By Lighting up a Life at Christmas we hope that this time of reflection will bring comfort to you. There will be readings, songs, and time for reflection. You'll be given the chance to hang a memory tag on the Christmas trees and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

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

Basic Safeguarding Training Monday 2 December 1.30pm–3.30pm

Please email southwelllearninganddevelopment@southwellminster.org.uk if you wish to attend this course to confirm your place.

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

The funeral of David Jones will take place on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 11.00am, at Bramcote Crematorium. The service will be led by our Reader, Robert Ridgwell. All members of the Minster community are warmly welcome.

Choristers sing in *Carmina Burana*. This coming Wednesday 4 December, our Choristers will be travelling to the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham to take part in a performance of Carl Orff's famous cantata *Carmina Burana*, with its dramatic opening chorus of *O Fortuna*. This concert includes the BBC Concert Orchestra, the choirs of both Nottingham universities, and some internationally acclaimed soloists. Tickets are available through the Royal Concert Hall website; the performance is also being recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio Three.

Framework's winter fundraising appeal has special urgency this year. The number of people sleeping rough in Nottinghamshire is rising rapidly as the effects of the cost-of-living crisis continue to be sorely felt. This sharp increase has coincided with a significant funding gap, meaning many people may not get the support they urgently need this winter. Framework is aiming to raise £189,122 this winter to help maintain Street Outreach Teams in the city and county, to ensure continued support for people on the streets, helping with the trauma of rough sleeping and helping them find suitable accommodation. One way that people can donate to the charity's appeal this winter is by making a contribution in the collection at their annual **Carol Service at Southwell Minster on Friday 6 December at 7.00pm**. Seats can be reserved at www.frameworkha.org/events, by emailing fundraising@frameworkha.org or calling 01159 709558. Donations can also be made at www.frameworkha.org. *Alison Middleton*

Southwell Lions' Carols for Everyone, Saturday, 7 December, 7.30pm. Southwell Lions' annual sing-along of Christmas carols, raising funds for Reach Learning Disability in its 25th anniversary year. Get into the Christmas spirit with a festival of carols for all the family, led by Southwell Orchestral Society and Southwell Choral Society (with conductor Marcus Farnsworth) along with special guest performances.

Next Sunday. A reminder that next Sunday (8 December) we have a shorter, less formal Cathedral Eucharist at 10.00am, with the Cathedral Choir singing our Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer at 11.15am. Both services are live-streamed.

[Carols in the State Chamber](#), **Sunday 8 December, 7.30pm.** Join the Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir for an evening of carols in the atmospheric setting of the State Chamber. This ever-popular event will be accompanied by drinks and nibbles for the festive season, and everyone will have the chance to sing some Christmas favourites! Tickets £12 (U18s free); to book, please contact Jonathan Allsopp at adam@southwellminster.org.uk.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

New Bibles. We are grateful to the Rainbow family who have made a donation in memory of Penny's late mother, Mrs Daphne Hughes, which has made it possible to renew the stall Bibles in the Quire. We have been reading from the New Revised Standard Version for several years but now the same translation will be available for the congregation to follow the scripture readings at Evensong. Daphne was Matron for many years at Caudwell House, and in her retirement served as a Steward at the Minster until her death in 2023.

Churches Together in Southwell — Christmas Stall on Southwell Market, Saturday 14 December. The theme of this year's stall will be to remind people that Jesus is the reason for the season and that he was born to save. The stall will emphasise this message with banners and posters, tracks with a Christmas message, and a Nativity scene. There will be many giveaway items to attract people and start conversations. The stall will be manned by volunteers from across the churches, filling one-hour slots from 8am to 1pm. If you feel able and prepared to share the Gospel message and pray with people if requested, then please ring Michael on 07919 550638 to discuss the possibility of taking on a slot. If this is not for you and you're in Southwell on that morning, we would love for you to make yourself known.

SERVICES AND FAITH

Christingle Service, Sunday 15 December, 5.00pm. The Christingle service is an unmissable milestone for families on the journey to Christmas. All welcome for oranges, candles, and carols.

Organ Meditation, Sunday 15 December, 6.30pm. Our Assistant Director of Music, Jonathan Allsopp, gives his annual performance of Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*. This performance forms parts of our liturgical offering in the run-up to Christmas. Free admission.

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.

[Handel's Messiah](#), **Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm.** Tickets are now on sale for Southwell Minster Choir Association's annual concert of Handel's much-loved *Messiah*, performed by Southwell Minster Chorale, students from the Minster School, and soloists Lizzy Humphries (soprano), Alexander Turner (countertenor), James Beddoe (tenor), and James Geidt (bass), directed by Jonathan Allsopp, accompanied by the Musical and Amicable Society. Tickets available now from www.ticketsource.co.uk (search 'Handel's Messiah Southwell' or call 0333 666 3366). Tickets for this concert are selling fast, so please do book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Ceremony of Carols sung by the Cathedral Choristers, Friday 13 December, 1.30pm. As part of the Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral series, 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.

[The Magic of Christmas](#), **Saturday 14 December, 7.30pm.** A special evening of festive fun in the company of the Cathedral Choir and the East Midlands' professional orchestra, Sinfonia Viva. Tickets from the Minster website or Cathedral Shop.

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, Toiletries: Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toilet Roll, Washing Tabs. Check the website for less urgent items. The Foodbank also accepts donations of money, which can be used to purchase items locally. 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.

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, 5 December, 16 January, 6 February and 6 March. Where — Kings Court Community Centre, Southwell. For more information telephone 07300 657575 or e-mail: contact@trentdementia.org.uk

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

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

Sunday 8 December

The Second Sunday of Advent

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| 7.40am | Litany | <i>Quire</i> |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, <i>Canon Precentor</i> | <i>Quire</i> |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist CW
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, <i>Priest Vicar</i>
Thorne Mass of St Thomas • Ives Processional | <i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i> |
| 11.15am | Sung Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, <i>Interim Dean of Southwell</i>
Advent Prose • Byrd Mass for four voices
Byrd <i>Laetentur coeli</i> • Tallis <i>O sacrum convivium</i>
Escaich <i>Évocation II</i> | <i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i> |
| 3.30pm | First Evensong of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i>
Arcadelt <i>Ave Maria</i> • Rose Responses
Office Hymn: <i>Quem terra, pontus</i> • Psalms 122 & 127
Proverbs 8: 22–35 • Antiphon: <i>Hodie egressa est</i>
Walton <i>Chichester Service</i> • Revelation 11: 19–12: 6
Howells <i>A spotless rose</i> • Hymn 182
Mode V <i>Alma redemptoris Mater</i>
Tournemire <i>Postlude</i> (from <i>L'Orgue Mystique II</i>) | <i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i> |

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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