



Southwell Minster

Cathedral ♦ Gardens ♦ Palace

WHAT'S ON

September to December 2024



CELEBRATING 140 YEARS AS A CATHEDRAL

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
below.



Discovery Day

Thursday 5 September |
9.30am – 4pm | The
Minster

Workshops, tours and talks for adult learners

A chance to discover the hidden treasures of the Minster with a wide variety of workshops, talks, tours and activities.

*Suggested minimum
donation £20*

*To book: visit our website,
scan the QR code below,
email education@southwellminster.org.uk,
or buy in person/by phone
from the Cathedral Shop
(01636 812933).*



Heritage Open Day

Saturday 7 September |
12 noon – 3pm | The
Minster

Take a free tour of Southwell Minster with one of our friendly and knowledgeable guides.

This fully accessible tour will take in all areas of the Minster, including our glorious Chapter House which has undergone significant conservation work in recent years.

You'll discover incredible architecture, beautiful stained glass, Roman plaster, our Saxon beginnings and much more.

*Tickets are free but please
book in advance: see
our website for booking
details*

*This free tour is delivered as part
of the national Heritage Open
Day scheme.*

MUSEUM OF THE MOON

11–22 October

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Luke Jerram's Museum of the Moon is a stunning sculpture featuring detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface, internally lit to shine like the moon, and accompanied by an atmospheric soundtrack.

This giant artwork will be suspended above the Nave of Southwell Minster.

LAUNCH NIGHT

Friday 11 Oct, 7–9pm

Be the first to experience Museum of the Moon! Celebrate with a complimentary glass of fizz

£10

PILATES UNDER THE MOON

14, 15, 21, 22 Oct,
9–9.45am

Tranquil morning Pilates sessions

£10


SPECIAL EVENING VIEWINGS

For a truly special experience, book to visit in the evening when the artwork will come into its own.

£5 adult, £3 U16

See website for times and dates.

Day tickets: £4 adult, £2 U16 , U5 free

Other events taking place under The Moon are listed elsewhere in this guide: look out for this symbol 

Book online on our website. Tickets will also be available on the door for some sessions.

This event is an important fundraiser for Southwell Minster.

We are grateful to Newark & Sherwood District Council for supporting this event.

MOONSHINE

Saturday 19 Oct, 7.30pm

DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT!

Featuring the fabulous Retrobates Swing Band, this special evening is the perfect opportunity to let your hair down and dance the night away under The Moon.

Bar available

£20

EXHIBITIONS & TALKS



Season of Creation

1 September – 6 October | Chapter House

A thought-provoking exhibition on creation, giving visitors the opportunity to reflect on the climate crisis.

Free entry



On Byron and Religion

Sunday 17 November | 4.45–6pm
(refreshments from 4.30pm) | State Chamber

Join Byron expert Geoffrey Bond OBE DL FSA as he explores the life and times of Nottinghamshire's most famous poet.

Free entry



The Longest Yarn

9 – 27 September | The Minster

Southwell Minster is honoured to be the first UK venue to host The Longest Yarn – a major exhibition depicting D Day, 6th June 1944, in wool art.

Created with great care and with guidance from professional historians to ensure accuracy, each scene has been selected by the creator to depict the story of this momentous day in history. Over 1,000 knitters from across the world, including the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and France, have joined in to help make this project happen.

Free entry, donations welcome



SUPPORT
YOUR
CATHEDRAL

ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

This year we celebrate our 140th anniversary as a Cathedral. Come and see a special exhibition where we explore over 1,000 years of history in 140 objects.

Step into the past and walk in the footsteps of those who have been before us. There's so much to see and explore.

Help us raise £140,000 in 2024

- It costs £3,000 a day to keep Southwell Minster open.
- We are a Registered Charity and receive no funding from the Government. The Church of England pays only for the salaries of a few staff.
- Your donation means we can host incredible events, run our award-winning Education Programme, and support our world-class Cathedral Choir.
- And it means we can be here for you, every day of the year.

Please donate £5 when you visit the Minster.



SPECIAL SERVICES



Animal Blessing

Sunday 22 September
3.30pm | Nave

Bring along your furry, feathered and scaly companions to this much-loved service. All creatures great and small are welcome, together with their humans.



Farewell to the Dean: A Special Evensong

Sunday 29 September
3.30pm | Nave

A service marking the retirement of our Dean, The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan.



Harvest Festival

Sunday 6 October
10am | Nave

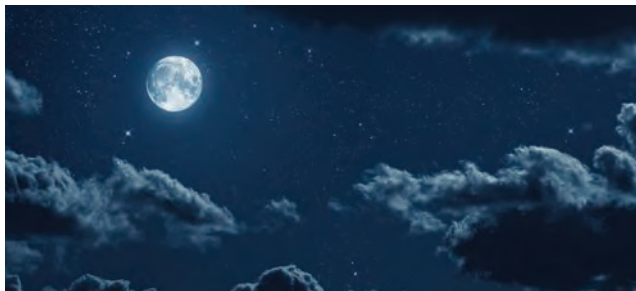
Harvest is a moment in the year to thank God for all his good gifts, especially for our food and for those who grow and produce it for us.



Lunar Compline

Thursday 17 October
9pm | Nave

A beautiful service of contemplation and chant under The Moon.



Music in the Shadows: Medieval Night Worship

Thursday 31 October
8pm | Quire

A unique reconstruction of the medieval Night Office vigil service.

Featuring medieval music and atmospheric lighting, this service will be an intriguing spectacle for visitors and worshippers alike.

Produced in partnership with the University of Nottingham.



All Saints' Day: Evensong

Friday 1 November
7.30pm | Quire

The feast of All Saints is when we remember and celebrate the great Christian heroes of every century. Join us for a joyful and solemn Eucharist, with spine-tingling music sung by the adults of the Cathedral Choir, with incense, ceremony, and everything fitting for one of the loveliest festivals of the year.

All Souls' Day: Requiem Eucharist

Saturday 2 November
5.30pm | Quire

In this beautiful and moving service, the Minster Chorale lead our worship with a liturgical performance of Duruflé's *Requiem* as we come together to remember all those we have loved and lost. The service includes an opportunity to light candles for loved ones, to hear them remembered by name in prayer, and to share together in Holy Communion.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November
10.45am | Burgage & Nave

Southwell comes together to remember, with the traditional Act of Remembrance at the Burgage, the two-minute silence at 11am, and then a procession to the Minster for a service led by Cathedral clergy and members of our local uniformed organisations.

Sunday 10 November |
3.30pm | Quire

A Requiem Eucharist to commemorate all those lost in war, including a performance of Fauré's *Requiem* by the Cathedral Choir.

Advent and Christmas Services

Look out for our special Christmas 2024 booklet (available in the autumn) for full details of our services for Advent and Christmas this year.



POETRY



Lunar: Words & Music under the Moon

Wednesday 16 October | 3.30pm | Nave

Join us for a special celebration of the moon in poetry and music. Words, ancient and modern, sung and spoken, have been carefully chosen to reflect the joys and wonders of this celestial body. creation. Performed beneath the awe-inspiring Moon installation in the Minster's beautiful Nave, this feast of words and music promises to be something to remember.

Refreshments will be available following the performance.

Doors open at 3pm. Tickets available from Eventbrite or from the Cathedral Shop, in person or on 01636 812933

MUSIC



Papagena: Moonset

Monday 14 October | 7.30pm | Nave

No props, microphones or gimmicks, just five stunning voices from Papagena, an a cappella group who explore music from medieval times to the present day.

The group's programming defies pigeonholing, juggling folk, medieval, classical and contemporary works with new commissions and the group's own compositions and arrangements.

Papagena has performed at the Edinburgh Festival, on BBC Radio 3 and 4, and on Classic FM. Fresh from a sell-out concert at North Yorkshire's Ryedale Festival, don't miss this opportunity to hear the UK's most spectacular all-female vocal quintet.

Doors open 6.45pm. Tickets available from Eventbrite or from the Cathedral Shop, in person or on 01636 812933

MUSIC

10% off food and drink at Oak at The Saracens Head
before and after all Candlelight shows.
Just show your e-ticket to a staff member



Rock and Pop

Join us for our new series of rock concerts, performed by West End musicians against a beautiful candlelit backdrop – and don't miss singing superstar Russell Watson!

Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight

1 & 2 October

Elvis by Candlelight

12 November

The Eagles by Candlelight

13 November

Russell Watson in Concert

30 November

Bubl  Christmas by Candlelight

16 December

Christmas by Candlelight

21 December

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

Tickets available online by scanning the QR code above

Messiah

Tuesday 10 December | 7.30pm | Nave

Southwell Minster Chorale's annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* is a much-loved and popular staple in our run-up to Christmas, and once again they are joined by a professional orchestra and four acclaimed soloists.

Tickets available from TicketSource:
search 'Handel Messiah Southwell' or call
0333 666 3366

MORE CONCERTS AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Saturday 5th October

Mansfield and District Male Voice Choir
80th Anniversary Concert

Saturday 23 November

Southwell Choral Society perform
Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*

Wednesday 18 December

Southwell Music Festival Christmas
Concert

*These concerts are promoted by the groups
named: see their websites for details*

MUSIC



The Magic of Christmas

Saturday 14 December | 7.30pm | Nave

A special evening of festive fun in the company of the Cathedral Choir and the East Midlands' professional orchestra, Sinfonia Viva.

Sing along to Christmas classics and discover glorious choral and instrumental music – perfect to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets £10–£40, available from our website or from the Cathedral Shop (01636 812933)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Do you run a local business?

Become a sponsor of The Magic of Christmas and bag the best seats in the house!
Sponsorship from £50

Email ruth.massey@southwellminster.org.uk



Mariatu Kanneh-Mason

Friday 22 November | 1.30pm | Nave

We're delighted to welcome the youngest member of the Kanneh-Mason family to Southwell Minster to perform a cello recital.

Mariatu's recital falls on St Cecilia's Day. What better way to celebrate the patron saint of music than by listening to one of Nottinghamshire's brightest young musicians?

Part of the Friday Lunchtime series. Free entry, donations welcome

Please note that we expect this concert to be very well attended. Some seats may have a restricted view of the stage.

CONCERT SERIES



Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral

Fridays | 1.30pm | Nave

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

6 September

Barbershop and Ragtime

20 September

Nottingham Chamber Wind Ensemble

11 October

The Eric Thiman Singers (Caterham School)

18 October

A concert of music relating to the Moon



1 November

Mirabilé: Nottingham-based female vocal ensemble

13 December

Christmas with the Cathedral Choristers



Music in the State Chamber

Sundays | 7.30pm | State Chamber

The Three Tenors season

8 September Benjamin Staniforth

13 October James Beddoe

10 November Matthew Spillett

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

FESTIVE SPECIAL:

8 December

Carols with the Cathedral Lay Clerks

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!

This event is ticketed (£12; U18 free); email jonathan.allsope@southwellminster.org.uk

Free entry; donations welcome. Proceeds support the Cathedral Choristers

THEATRE



A Christmas Carol

Thursday 14 November | 7.30pm

Chapterhouse Theatre Company

On Christmas Eve, the most magical night of the year, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is whisked away on a terrifying journey through the past and into the future, accompanied by three fearsome ghosts determined to make him realize the true meaning of Christmas.

Charles Dickens' classic ghost story is brought alive in this most traditional of productions, complete with beautiful period costume, song, dance and a magnificent, original musical score. Join critically acclaimed theatre company Chapterhouse as Scrooge's frozen heart begins to melt and he finally embraces the festive spirit in this most Christmassy of Christmas tales.

Doors open 6.45pm. Tickets available from our website



The Snow Queen

Thursday 28 November | 7.30pm

"I can give her no greater power than she already has..."

When her friend is stolen by the cold hearted Snow Queen, Gerda must find the strength and courage to travel across the lands to save him. An array of characters along the way will guide and aid her journey but can Gerda bring the warmth of summer back to her friend?

With live music, songs and characters all ages will love, this beautiful adaptation will warm hearts this Christmas!

Doors open 6.45pm. Tickets available from our website

FAIRS



Bramley Apple Festival

Saturday 26 October | 10am – 3.30pm

Southwell's fantastic food and drink fair returns for its annual autumn slot at Southwell Minster. Come and meet dozens of stallholders offering all manner of food and drink including pies, chocolates, jams, chutneys, pickles, sausages and much much more.

Entry: £3 suggested donation (under 16s free)



Winter Craft Fair

Friday 8 November | 4 – 8pm

Saturday 9 November | 10am – 3.30pm

One of the region's most loved craft events – the perfect place to pick up a gift for a loved one whilst supporting independent businesses.

Around 75 stalls will be offering jewellery, ceramics, glassware, textiles, hand-crafted cards and much, much more. Come along and get your Christmas presents sorted early!

Entry: £3 suggested donation (under 16s free)

PLEASE SUPPORT US: *DONATE TODAY*

Southwell Minster could not function without the help of our donors and supporters. Donating online is simple and quick: click on the DONATE tab on our website or scan this QR code. Every pound donated goes directly towards supporting worship, events, music and education, and you can choose which area you would like to support. **Thank you for your generosity.**



CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Sundays @ 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.



Don't forget to explore the beautiful Palace Gardens

Family Trails

for 5–11 year olds

There's always a lovely, themed trail available for children and families from our friendly stewards. You can even borrow binoculars and a torch to help you explore.



Christmas Trail

throughout December

Take a journey round the Minster to discover the story of Christmas.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES



The Chorister Experience

Saturday 28 September
| 10am – 12.30pm |
Southwell Minster

A morning of activities for boys and girls aged 5–7. Sing in the Minster, meet the Cathedral Choristers, explore the Minster Organ and much more.

Refreshments provided.

Free entry: book on our website by searching 'chorister'



Space Craft



Saturday 19 & Monday
21 October | State
Chamber

Handle real meteorites from outer space and enjoy space-based craft activities during the Museum of the Moon exhibition.

Craft activities suitable for 5–11 year-olds.

£8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Book on our website or pay on the door (if space)



Melody Makers

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

A choir especially for children in school years 1 and 2. Join the Minster's inspiring professional musicians to 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!

Free membership



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

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL SHOP



THE CATHEDRAL SHOP IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO COME AND BUY:

- a wide range of local and fairtrade gifts
- cards for all occasions
- Southwell souvenirs
- Christian books and bibles including a great selection for children
- a collection of carefully chosen music: choral, organ and modern classics



WE ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

TELEPHONE 01636 812933

OPENING HOURS:

MON-SAT 10am – 4pm

SUN 11.30am – 3.30pm

ALL PROFITS ARE DONATED TO SOUTHWELL MINSTER