



# Welcome to Southwell Minster

## Welcome from the Dean The Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan



Welcome to Southwell Minster, the Cathedral and parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please come in and look around! You will experience the tranquillity of this beautiful place of Christian worship, soaked in prayer and rich in history reaching back over 13 centuries. Overleaf you will find a map. If time is limited, we suggest the top 10 'must see' things before you leave. If you have longer, talk to a steward on duty between 10am and 5pm (look for a blue gown) or buy a guidebook to discover more.

The Minster exists for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and it is here for all. Today, over two billion people across the world are followers of Jesus Christ, discovering in his teaching, life, death and resurrection, profound love, forgiveness and hope. Jesus taught us to pray and to trust in a loving, merciful God who longs for his world to know peace and healing. We pray you too will find this holy place to be full of wonder, inspiration and blessing.

You may like to pause to pray or light a candle in *The Light of the World* Chapel for yourself, a loved one, or a particular concern. Give thanks for the faith and generosity that has built the Minster and for the living church worshipping here today.

### *A prayer for peace:*

*God of all grace, and lover of all nations, we pray for peace in our hearts and in our homes, in our nation and in the world, the peace of your will, the peace of our need; in the name of Christ our Lord.*

*'I came that they may have life; and have it abundantly'*  
*John 10:10*

# Top Ten Things To See

## 1 The West Window

Installed in 1996. Designer and artist, Patrick Reyntiens, described it as “a great gathering of angels enjoying being with God, just all joy and worship”.

## 2 Christus Rex

Created by Peter Eugene Ball in 1987. It is 10 feet tall and weighs 7 cwts.

## 3 Bread Pews and Mosaic

15th century. Where the poor received bread. The Roman mosaic underneath was probably part of the Anglo-Saxon church.

## 4 Great War Memorial Window

Designed by Nicholas Mynheer in 2014. A memorial to local men who lost their lives in WWI.

## 5 Stations of the Cross

14 sculptures made by Jonathan Clarke in 1999. Aluminium on oak.

## 6 The Light of the World Chapel

A space to forget about the activity of daily life and be still. Anyone can leave requests for prayer.

## 7 East Window

Created by Jean Chastellain in 1528 for the Temple Church in Paris. The upper windows depict the four Evangelists and are Victorian.

## 8 The Bishop's Seat

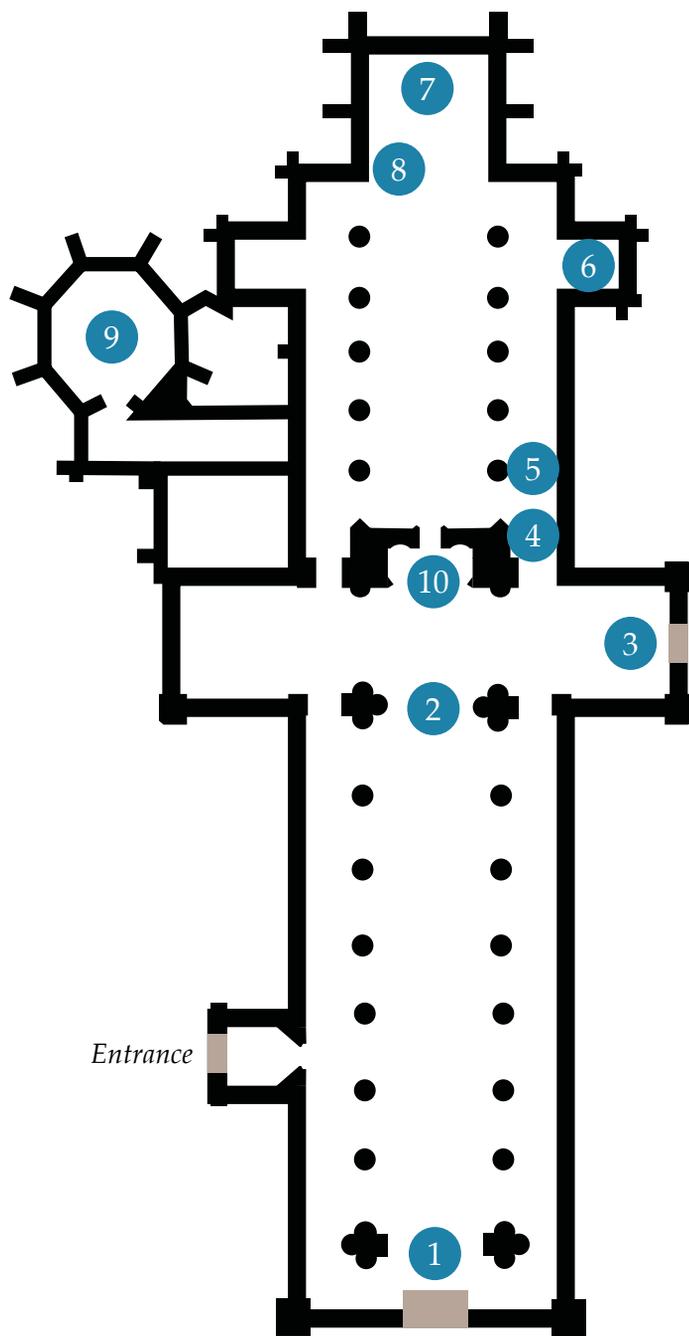
The Bishop's seat (or 'cathedra') has made this a cathedral church since 1884.

## 9 Chapter House

Built at the end of the 13th century, this is the home of the famous 'Leaves of Southwell'.

## 10 The Pulpitum

14th century. Decorated with carved figures, ranging from monarchs to workmen.



As you leave the grounds, look back on the exquisite exterior Norman doors on the north, south and west sides. You may also like to visit the Archbishop's Palace and our beautiful Education Garden, which are next to the Minster.



Please feel welcome to stay for services. Evensong is sung most days (except Wednesdays) at 5.30pm and lasts about 40 mins. This could be the perfect end to your visit.

Sunday worship is at 8am, 9.30am and 11.15am with Evensong at the earlier time of 3.30pm. Please see our website for variations.

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