



Southwell  
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



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*with the Installation of  
The Archdeacon of Newark,  
The Venerable Victoria Ramsey*

**The Second Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 13 June 2021

3.30pm

# Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

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## **The Office of Archdeacon of Newark**

There are two Archdeaconries in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, comprising Nottingham and Newark. The Archdeaconry of Newark was formed in 1912, serving a current population of around 475,000 spread across the four deaneries of Bassetlaw and Bawtry, Mansfield, Newark and Southwell and Newstead which comprise 135 parishes.

With a Christian presence in every community, the Archdeacon of Newark is called to share leadership of the diocese to realise our vision of 'Growing Disciples: wider, younger and deeper'. Tors will be enabling leadership at all levels to help develop and implement sustainable plans for growth, encourage the Area Deans and Lay Chairs, and release lay and clergy energy for mission within the varied cultural and social contexts across the Archdeaconry.

The statutory and customary responsibilities of an Archdeacon include: supporting churchwardens and local churches spiritually and practically; ensuring systematic pastoral care for clergy, lay leaders and their families; involvement with the faculty process; and disciplinary matters. The Archdeacon of Newark also serves as part of the College of Canons and in today's service, will be installed into the stall assigned for this title.

As part of this significant leadership role, Tors will also have particular responsibility as the diocesan lead for establishing and supporting new worshipping communities, building on her experience in church planting and growing congregations. Tors will also have a role in helping to further develop key relationships with schools, as well as with other strategic partners who make an enormous contribution to building caring and cohesive communities, especially as we emerge out of the current pandemic.

## The Venerable Victoria Ramsey



Tors grew up in South Wales on the Gower peninsular. She moved to London to study and worked as a Speech and Language Therapist in the NHS for 15 years. After being involved in mission and ministry as a lay person for many years, Tors sensed a call to ordination and was ordained in 2011. She served her curacy at Exeter Network Church and St Matthew's Church in the Exeter Diocese; at the end of that time, she grafted a new worshipping community into St. Matthew's where she became Vicar.

In 2018, Tors stepped into her current role of Church Growth and Planting Enabler in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Tors is currently studying part-time for an MA in Mission and Ministry with St. Mellitus College East Midlands.

Tors is married to Adrian and they have two teenage children. She loves travelling and exploring new places and new food. Relaxation involves listening to music, walking the dog and watching films.

Having had the privilege of working with many parishes in the Archdeaconry in her former role, Tors is delighted to become the next Archdeacon of Newark and for the opportunity to deepen further her relationship with its rich and diverse contexts, including many rural communities, market towns and the more populated areas of Mansfield and Ashfield.

The Minster has become a special place for Tors since her arrival in the diocese, and it has been a great privilege for her to join in festal worship, as well as preach here as part of her ongoing support of curate training.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Prelude in B minor, BWV 541*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

*Please stand as the procession enters*

The Head Verger  
The Crucifer  
The Archdeacon of Nottingham  
The Canon Precentor  
The Dean     The Archdeacon of Newark  
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham  
The Bishop's Chaplain

*PRECES sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord:  
The Lord's name be praised.

*Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)*

## THE INSTALLATION

*The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams, introduces the Installation.*

### COLLECT FOR VOCATION AND MINISTRY

*Bishop*      Let us pray.

*Silence is kept as ordained ministers present recall their ordination promises.*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Victoria  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF AN ARCHDEACON

*Please sit*

*The Archdeacon of Newark stands before the Bishop and reads the Declaration of an Archdeacon:*

I, Victoria Claire Ramsey, Clerk, Archdeacon of Newark in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Southwell, will observe and keep all the statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules and customs of this Cathedral Church, published or hereafter to be made and published by lawful authority so far as they concern me and my dignity.

I will be forward to promote the good works of this Church and Diocese unto holy and honourable living and the extension and increase of the ministrations and teaching of the Church. I will give no assistance, advice or encouragement to any person or persons whatsoever, who shall or will endeavour to violate or infringe the rights of the Church.

*The Archdeacon remains standing before the Bishop, who reads the Deed of Installation and then says:*

Tors, receive this ministry confidently.

Serve Christ joyfully.

Put your trust in God,  
who is faithful.

**Amen.**

*The Archdeacon of Newark is vested with her mantle.*

PSALM 133 *sung by the choir, during which the Dean, the Archdeacon of Newark, and other members of the College of Canons move to the Quire for the Installation.*

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is:

brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard:

even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon:

which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing:

and life for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

*Music: Edward Turner (b. 1992)*

*The Dean takes the Archdeacon of Newark to her stall, saying*

Tors, I place you in the stall assigned to you as Archdeacon of Newark.

*Dean*

Almighty God, the giver of all that is good,  
we pray that you will defend this your servant Tors,  
that she may so serve you here on earth  
that after this life she may inherit eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

OFFICE HYMN *sung by the choir as the procession returns to the Nave.*

O blest Creator of the light,  
Who makest the day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all;

Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them Day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past

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

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier  
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: Lucis Creator NEH 150 (t. i)  
Mode viii*

PSALMODY *sung by the choir*

Psalm 39

I said, I will take heed to my ways:  
that I offend not in my tongue.  
I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle:  
while the ungodly is in my sight.  
I held my tongue, and spake nothing:  
I kept silence, yea, even from good words;  
but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled:  
and at the last I spake with my tongue;  
Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:  
that I may be certified how long I have to live.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long:  
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;  
and verily every man living is altogether vanity.  
For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain:  
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.  
And now, Lord, what is my hope:  
truly my hope is even in thee.  
Deliver me from all mine offences:  
and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.  
I became dumb, and opened not my mouth:  
for it was thy doing.  
Take thy plague away from me:  
I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.  
When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his  
beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment:  
every man therefore is but vanity.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling:  
hold not thy peace at my tears.  
For I am a stranger with thee:  
and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.  
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength:  
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Music: Henry Smart (1813-79)*

*Please sit*

*read by Sue Waterson, Warden of Readers*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.'

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors for ever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are safe!' — only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently, you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your ancestors, just what I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out all your kinsfolk, all the offspring of Ephraim.

As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.

*Please stand*

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: from FIFTH SERVICE  
Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*Please sit*

*read by Martin Cooper, Chief Executive of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham*

What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!  
For he says to Moses,

‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. For the scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.’ So then he has mercy on whomsoever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomsoever he chooses.

You will say to me then, ‘Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?’ But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is moulded say to the one who moulds it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; and what if he has done so in order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory – including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea,

‘Those who were not my people I will call “my people”,  
and her who was not beloved I will call “beloved”.’  
And in the very place where it was said to them,  
You are not my people”,  
there they shall be called children of the living God.’

*Please stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation.  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 2: 29-32*

*Music: from FIFTH SERVICE  
Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

*sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us:

Christ, have mercy upon us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen:

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people:

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost  
bring up in thy stedfast fear and love;  
Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence,  
and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69) and John Harper (b. 1947)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the choir*

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.  
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.  
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:  
that I might behold thy power and glory.  
For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself:  
my lips shall praise thee.  
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
Because thou hast been my helper:  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
Hallelujah.

*Words: Psalm 63: 1-5, 8*

*Music: Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

*Please remain seated*

*HOMILY given by the Archdeacon of Newark*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Revd Richard Hanford, Assistant Curate for the Benefice of Worksop St Anne and the Benefice of Norton Cuckney*

*One of the following responses, or another, may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**THE GRACE**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

## COMMISSIONING FOR MINISTRY OF THE ARCHDEACON OF NEWARK

*Bishop* My sisters and brothers,  
let us pray for Tors,  
for joy in her home and family life, and in her ministry,  
and that God may stir up and renew within her  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*The Archdeacon of Newark kneels before the Bishop. The Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams, says:*

And so from the day we have heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

*Colossians 1: 9, 10*

*The Bishop says:*

Tors, I commission you to enable and serve  
the parishes, lay people and priests within your care;  
in the name of Christ, our Lord and Servant King.

**Amen.**

May you be strengthened with all power,  
according to his glorious might,  
for all endurance and patience with joy,  
giving thanks to the Father,  
who has made you fit to share  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

BLESSING *given by the Bishop*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

*Music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the procession departs*

*Fugue in B minor, BWV 544ii*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Head Verger  
The Crucifer  
The Archdeacon of Newark  
The Archdeacon of Nottingham  
The Canon Precentor  
The Dean  
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham  
The Bishop's Chaplain

*Once the clergy have departed, you are invited to sit to listen quietly to the organ voluntary. If you wish to leave at this point, please do so without disturbing those who may still wish to listen or pray. Once the voluntary has finished, please leave the Cathedral promptly. Tea and coffee will not be served, and please do not gather in doorways. The clergy will stand outside the north door to greet you on your way out.*

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**Please take this order of service away with you.**

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