

**Southwell
Minster**

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



FESTIVAL EVENSONG

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 29 August 2021

3.30pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.



Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The Southwell Festival Voices are directed by Marcus Farnsworth, *Artistic Director of the Southwell Music Festival*. The organ is played by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori of Southwell Minster*.

Worshippers are asked to wear a face covering when entering and leaving the Cathedral but to feel free to remove them when in their places. We also ask all those visiting the Cathedral to check in using the NHS Covid-19 app on entry if possible, and to continue to observe some social distancing in the building. Please be mindful of the needs of other worshippers who may be vulnerable to the virus.

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel, for one day. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

No collection is taken at this service, but donations as you leave in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral are very welcome. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org.uk/donate. Please give generously.

The Service of Evensong

The experience of the service of Evensong is unique. It takes place at the end of the working day, and the choir leads worship through their singing. The service is centred around the singing of psalms, ancient texts that speak powerfully and accessibly to our very human hopes, fears and dreams. Every service of Evensong also includes two canticles, or songs, recorded in St Luke's Gospel: the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. Both canticles focus on hope and the fulfilment of what God promised to his people, and so have acted as a foundation for prayer and reflection towards the end of the day for many hundreds of years. The beauty of daily sung services in cathedrals is that no two composers' interpretation of these texts is the same, so in the repetition of familiar texts we find fresh meaning every single day.

The gift of the service of Evensong is that it requires little active participation from the congregation; it is a service of respite from the stresses of the day. Our hope is that those of you for whom this is your first taste of Evensong will let yourselves be immersed in the experience: you need simply to be receptive, and to allow yourself to be carried by the choir in song and prayer. In letting others take on the responsibility for prayer on your behalf, you are left with greater freedom to be open to the presence and grace of God.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout the booklet, you will find various references to posture:

- **Standing** is used for parts of the service where the emphasis is on praising or praying to God together; so we usually stand to sing hymns, and for certain important prayers.
- **Sitting** indicates listening and receiving; so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon.
- **Kneeling** is the traditional position for personal prayer. Please speak to one of the Vergers or Sidesmen if you would like a cushion for kneeling.

Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture, especially if standing or kneeling is uncomfortable.

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors. If you would like to keep in regular contact with the Minster, please either speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, or email office@southwellminster.org.uk

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Please stand at the entry of the ministers

INTROIT

Earth puts her colours by,
And veils her in one whispering cloak of shadow;
Green goes from the meadow,
Red leaves and flowers and shining pools are shrouded;
A few stars sail upon a windy sky,
And the moon is clouded.

The delicate music, traced
In and out of the soft lights and the laughter,
Is hushed, round ledge and rafter
The last faint echoes into silence creeping,
And the singers sleeping:

So, now my songs are done,
Leave me tonight awhile and the starlight gleaming,
To silence and sweet dreaming,
Here where no music calls, no beauty shakes me;
Till in my heart the birds sing to the sun
And the new dawn wakes me.

Words: P.H.B. Lyon (1893-1986)

Music: Cheryl Frances-Hoad (b. 1980)

PRECES sung by the cantor 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: William Petter (1982-2016)

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



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*

Please sit

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way:
and walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies:
and seek him with their whole heart.
For they who do no wickedness:
walk in his ways.
Thou hast charged:
that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
O that my ways were made so direct:
that I might keep thy statutes!
So shall I not be confounded:
while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart:
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
I will keep thy ceremonies:
O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way:
even by ruling himself after thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
Thy words have I hid within my heart:
that I should not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Lord:
O teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I been telling:
of all the judgements of thy mouth.
I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies:
as in all manner of riches.
I will talk of thy commandments:
and have respect unto thy ways.
My delight shall be in thy statutes:
and I will not forget thy word.

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: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838) and Sydney Bevan (1838-1901)t

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12: 21–27

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, “What do you mean by this observance?” you shall say, “It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.” ’ And the people bowed down and worshipped.

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 SECOND SERVICE
Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

Please sit

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 SECOND SERVICE
Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

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 cantor 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 let us not be led 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

Almighty and merciful God,
of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true
and laudable service;
Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life,
that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises;
through the merits of 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: William Petter (1982-2016)

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And by Angel hands apparell'd
As a bride dost earthward move.

Out of heav'n from God descending,
New and ready to be wed
To thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,
Fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And, their well earn'd rest attaining
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polish'd well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Nevermore to leave the Temple
Which with them the Lord hath deck'd.

To this Temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always. Amen.

*Words: Latin, 7th-8th century
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

Please remain seated or kneel when invited.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

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

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

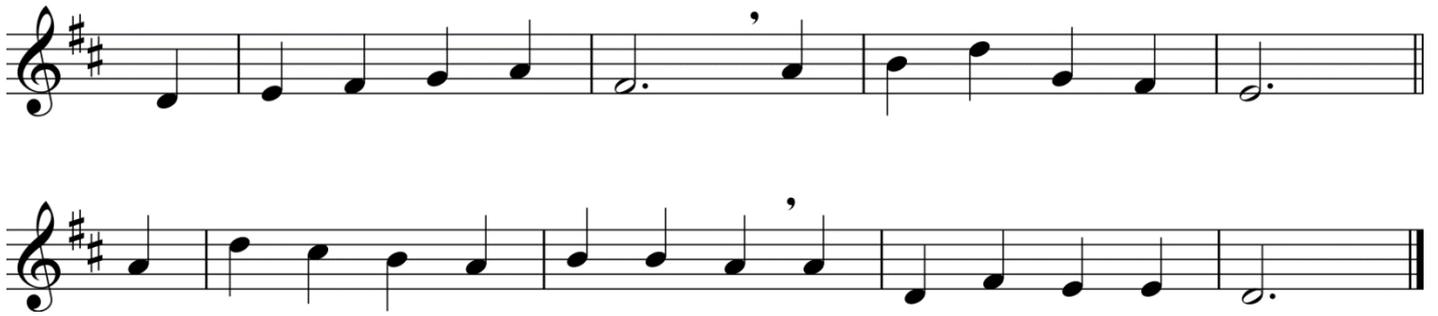
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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.**

Please stand

HYMN



Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others

*Music: W H Havergal (1793-1870)
adapted from a six-line melody in
König's Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt 1738
Tune: FRANCONIA NEH 341*

BLESSING *given by the Dean*

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 cantor and choir*

The Lord be with you:
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Passacaglia (from Prelude, Scherzo and Passacaglia)

Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Once the ministers and choir 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. 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

LATER TODAY

10.00pm **Compline** *sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks* *Quire*

Tallis *Te lucis ante terminum* • Sheppard *In manus tuas à 4*
Palestrina *Nunc dimittis a 4* • Victoria *Salve Regina a 5 (1583)*

TOMMORROW – Monday 30 August

5.30pm **Evensong** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* *Nave*

Rose *Responses* • Office Hymn: *Immensae caeli Conditor*
Psalms 147, 148 • Stanford *in B flat*
Moore *All wisdom cometh from the Lord* • Franck *Pastorale*

FLAC is back! Our popular regular series of Friday lunchtime concerts (**Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral**) will restart on **Friday 10 September** with a concert of classical guitar music given by the award-winning Alan Thomas, whose performances as a recitalist and concerto soloist at festivals and concert series throughout the UK, Europe and the USA have met with great critical acclaim. For this lunchtime programme, he will perform rarely heard gems of the Baroque guitar repertoire by Robert de Visée, Francesco Corbetta and Gaspar Sanz. Please note that the time of these lunchtime concerts has now changed - from now on they will commence at **1.30pm**. The full programme of Autumn concerts should be available shortly. Regrettably, at the moment, we will be unable to serve refreshments that have been associated with these concerts in the past, although we hope that this may be able to resume again at some point in the future. As previously, admission to these lunchtime concerts will be free, although contributions to a retiring collection will be invited, proceeds of which go towards the Minster's organ scholarship.

Also returning this autumn is our **Southwell Minster Organ Recital Series** – full details of which can be found at <https://www.southwellminster.org/organ-recitals-series/>. The first recital takes place on the evening of Wednesday 15 September when Martin Baker (former Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral) will improvise to the 1929 silent film 'The Phantom of the Opera' – tickets are available for purchase from the Cathedral Shop. Also, now on sale through the TicketSource website, are tickets for the Southwell Minster Choir Association performance of **Handel's Messiah**, on Tuesday 14 December.

WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 5 September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Climate Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Quire

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW Nave and Live-Streamed
sung by the Lay Clerks

3.30pm Evensong BCP Nave and Live-Streamed
sung by the Lay Clerks

The weekly notice sheet for the Minster, Pew News, is available on the Minster website at www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/

Do You Know a Child Who Enjoys Singing?

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a remarkable experience for a child. During their years in the choir they will be trained to professional standards in performing. They will acquire a sense of purpose, of self-discipline, an ability to organise their time, and an awareness both of adult standards and of glorious music, words and architecture. It is a training which sets a child up for life, whatever path they may eventually choose to follow.

Southwell Minster will be looking for boys and girls aged 7 and above to join the choir in September 2022. If you know a child who might be interested in this, this autumn we are holding two Chorister Experience Days for children currently in years 1 and 2 on Saturday 2 October and Saturday 13 November (both 10am – 12.30pm) which would be ideal opportunities to explore further the possibility of becoming a chorister. Booking for either of these days is required through our website at <https://www.southwellminster.org/chorister-experience-day/>

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