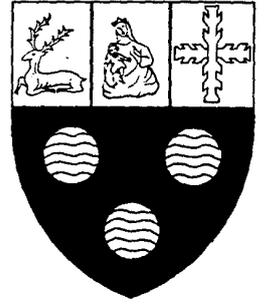


**Southwell
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28 November 2021

10.00am

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 President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Deacon and Preacher is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

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

Worshippers are asked to wear a face covering when entering and leaving, and when receiving Communion, 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 week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

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

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

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Short Service* by Arthur Wills (1926-2020).

Communion

Communion will be received in one kind only (bread); the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please make use of the hand sanitiser dispenser provided as you approach. Please keep your face covering in place until you have received the host in your hand, and replace it after consuming the host. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a Churchwarden or vergers before the service (if possible) to request one.

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.

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.

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

O Sapientia, O Adonai and O Radix Jesse
(from *O Antiphon Preludes*)

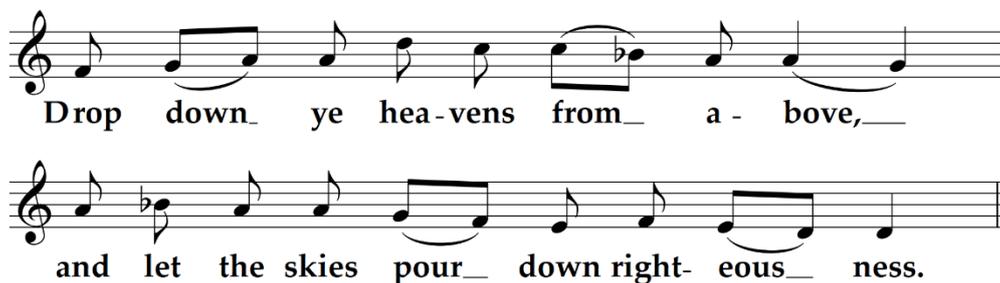
Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

ADVENT PROSE *during which the choir and ministers enter*



Drop down_ ye hea-vens from_ a - bove,___
and let the skies pour_ down right- eous_ ness.

Choir Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord and beside
me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
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All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Words: Latin, Officia Propria, 1673

*Tune: RORATE CAELI NEH 501
 Mode i*

President In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As this Sunday's candle is lit, the choir sings

Choir Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All



Bles - sed be God for e - ver.

Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Alison Middleton*

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

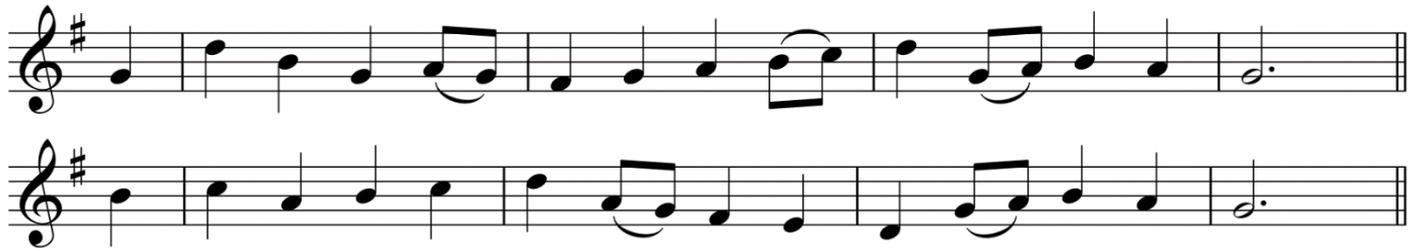
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN



**The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.**

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674)
Cento Psalms 85, 82, 86*

*Tune: ST STEPHEN NEH 15
William Jones (1726-1800)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Music: Mode ii and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 25–36

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Dean*

Please stand

CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Patrick Sills*

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion*



Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
Gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light...

Longing for shelter people are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light...

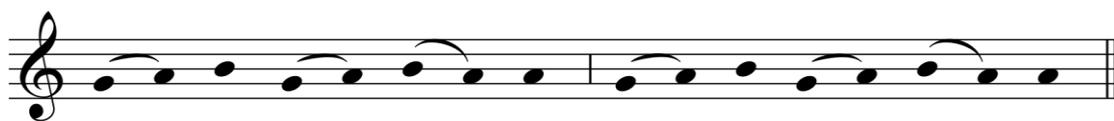
Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT HOAN 401
Words and music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
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PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be__ with_ you and_ al - so__ with_ you.



Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ We lift them to__ the Lord._



Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.____

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All 
Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All 
A - men.__

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Communion is received in one kind only (bread) on this occasion due to Covid-19; the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Please leave your face covering in place as you come up for Communion until you have received the host wafer in your hand, then remove your face covering to consume the host, then replace it before returning to your seat via the side aisles.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

AGNUS DEI sung by the Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION MOTET sung by the Choir

Lo! That is a marvellous change in the life of men.
Since the mild creator of all mankind
From the virgin received flesh undefiled
Never had she known the love of man
Nor came the Saviour by any seed of seed on earth
That was greater marvel than men may know in its mystery
How the splendour of heaven, high Lord of the skies
Gave help to man through his mother's womb.

*Words: from The Exeter Book 1072
Translated by C. Kennedy*

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ADMISSION OF A LAY CLERK

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN



1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
We who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply grieving
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion.
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) (altd.)
and John Cennick (1718-55)

Tune: HELMSLEY NEH 9
Thomas Olivers (1725-99)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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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MINI PEW NEWS

for the week 29 November – 5 December 2021



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WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

During this week our regular daily services will take place as follows:

Morning Prayer at 8.30am (Monday to Saturday)

Holy Communion at 12.15pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am (on Saturday)

Evensong at 5.30pm (Monday to Saturday, except Wednesday and Friday when it is replaced with Evening Prayer.)

Sunday 5 December

The Second Sunday of Advent

7.40am	Litany BCP	Quire
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Quire
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW	Nave (and live-streamed)
11.30am	Mattins BCP	Quire
3.30pm	Evensong BCP	Quire (and live-streamed)
5.00pm	Christingle Service	Nave

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Advent pulls the imagination in two directions: to the universal longing for God that is given voice in the Jewish scriptures; and at the same time, 'Who may abide the day of his coming? For he is like a refiner's fire.' . . . We live, as human beings, in a hunger to be spoken to, to be touched, to be judged and loved and absolved. There are things we cannot do for ourselves: no human being alone can know himself or herself loved . . . But in Advent our hunger is met, we are touched into new and everlasting life, [as we] long simply for our God to show himself in his incarnate speech to us.

*Rowan Williams, Open to Judgement (DLT, 1994), p.7-12 passim.
In Sacrista Prebend library.*

The full version of Pew News (including further future events at the Cathedral and within Southwell, and also further information for prayer), is available on the Minster website at www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/

Details of the music to be sung at our services can be found on the Minster website at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar/> .

INTERCESSIONS

We continue to hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers:

The Minster Family

Margaret Berry, George Cassidy (Bishop), George Davies, Val Fethney, Harry Frost, Jill Frost, Howard George, Jean Jarvis, Glynn Lloyd, Lesley Lloyd, Les Meats, Joy Pragnell, Tony Ridgwell, Peter Sharp, David Stone, Barbara Tittensor, Carroll Wilkes, Sheila Wilkes

Recently Departed

Vernon Evans, Victoria Starkey

We Remember on the Anniversary of Their Death

- 2 Bill Bristow
- 3 Richard Godwin-Austen

NOTICEBOARD

Christingle Weekend (4th and 5th December). This year the Minster has teamed up with the Children's Society and Muddy Church to do Christingle in two ways. On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, there will be a Christingle Trail around the grounds of the Minster along with take-away Christingle bags to make at home. Then we will have an atmospheric Christingle Service will be in the Minster on Sunday afternoon at 5pm. All are very welcome.

Cathedral Carol Services. The Cathedral Carol Services will take place on Thursday 23 December and Friday 24 December at 7.00pm. Booking will be essential to attend either of these services – booking will open at 9am on Monday 29 November via the Minster website at <https://www.southwellminster.org/christmas2021/>. The brochure on this page also includes details of all the other Christmas Events (both organised by the Cathedral and external organisations). Other than the Carol Services we will not be taking bookings for any other services organised by the Cathedral, although since due to COVID-19 we have set the maximum capacity of the Minster to be 350 this year, early arrival at the most popular services is suggested to avoid the possibility of disappointment.

New Lay Clerk – During the Cathedral Eucharist this Sunday, we will be admitting Matthew Spillet as our new tenor Lay Clerk. We welcome Matthew very warmly, joining us at a very busy and very special time of year.

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