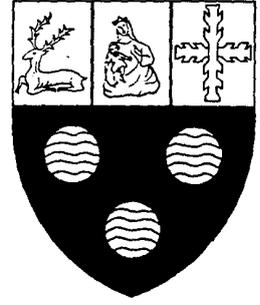




Southwell
Minster
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



THE CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 December 2021
7.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster

Before the service, please read and take note of the following information for your own comfort and safety. Please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence.

Upon arrival you will have been given a candle. Please ensure care when they are lit, especially around children.

In the event of hearing the fire alarm, please calmly leave the building by the nearest exit and congregate in the Cathedral grounds. The Sidesmen will direct wheelchair-users to the appropriate exit. Do not return to the Cathedral for any reason.



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.

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

Please note that all worshippers and visitors are currently required to wear a face covering whilst inside the Minster, unless they have a valid medical reason for not doing so. We are currently asking members of the congregation to keep face coverings in place at all times in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. 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 others 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 until Thursday 6 January. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

A retiring collection will be taken in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Please give generously.

The Christmas Carol Service

The word 'carol' comes from the French *carole*, a kind of circle dance accompanied by singers. The earliest Christmas carols had their origin outside of church buildings, and were part of the celebration of Christmas in homes and public places. In countless carol services today, they convey the excitement and deep joy of the celebration of Christmas. In tonight's service, carols are combined with readings from the Bible that tell the story of God's love for humankind, woven through the history of Israel and bursting into life in the birth of Jesus, God in human form, in an obscure corner of the 'little town of Bethlehem'.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*. The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*, and Michael D'Avanzo, *Organ Scholar*.

Organ Music before the Service

<i>Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Noël sur les flûtes</i> (from <i>Livre de Noël</i>)	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
<i>Noël 'Suisse'</i> (from <i>Livre de Noël</i>)	Louis-Claude Daquin
<i>Variations on 'Adeste fideles'</i>	Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
<i>Ou s'en vont ces gais bergers</i>	Claude Balbastre (1724-99)
<i>La Vierge et l'enfant</i> (from <i>La Nativité du Seigneur</i>)	Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the final organ prelude, The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

ORGAN PRELUDE *during which the congregation's candles are lit*

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 604

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

After the organ prelude, please stand quietly

HYMN



Solo Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All

**And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

Tune: IRBY CC2 31

Henry John Gauntlett (1805-76)

arr. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Please remain standing

BIDDING *given by the Dean*

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity within the Church he came to build, and especially in this town of Southwell and diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

PRAYER

Dean May the Almighty God bless us with his grace;
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of Angels bring us all.
Amen.

Please sit

read by a Chorister

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL *sung by the choir*

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

*The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour.

The rising of the sun...

The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to do us sinners good.

The rising of the sun...

The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

The rising of the sun...

The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

The rising of the sun...

read by a Lay Clerk

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and
his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and
for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL sung by the choir

Lulley, lulla! lulley, lulla!

The falcon hath borne my make away.

He bare him up, he bare him down,
He bare him into an orchard brown.

And in that bed there lies a knight,
His woundes bleeding day and night.

And in that orchard there was an hall,
That was hanged with purple and pall.

And by that bedside there weepeth a may,
And she weepeth both day and night.

And in that hall there was a bed,
It was hanged with gold so red.

And by that bedside there standeth a stone,
'Corpus Christi' written thereon.

Words: Anonymous, c.15th century

*Music: CORPUS CHRISTI CAROL
Judith Bingham (b. 1952)*

Please stand

HYMN



1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund Sears (1810-76)

Tune: NOEL CC2 44

English traditional

arr. Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Please sit

read by an Organist

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL *sung by the choir*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Words: Anonymous, from the collection of
Joshua Smith, New Hampshire (1784)*

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-85)

read by a representative of the Friends of Southwell Cathedral (23 December) and a representative of Southwell Minster Choir Association (24 December)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL *sung by the choir*

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation, and Saviour of all.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Three Kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave'.

Ave, ave, ave Maria!

*Words: paraphrased from
The Venerable Bede (672/3-735)*

*Music: French traditional
arr. Andrew Carter (b.1939)*

FIFTH LESSON: 'The Birth of Jesus'

Luke 2: 1-7

read by the Headteacher of the Minster School (23 December) and a representative of the Cathedral Chapter (24 December)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL sung by the choir

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang,
'The lambs are coming home', sweet Mary sang,
'Your Star of gold is shining in the sky,
So sleep, my little King, go lullaby.'

*Words: THE LITTLE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM
by Margaret Rose (d. 1936)*

Music: Michael Head (1900-76)

Please stand

HYMN



O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

Choir How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

All **Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessèd Child,
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

*Tune: FOREST GREEN CC1 27
English traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Descant: Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)*

Please sit

SIXTH LESSON: 'The Shepherds and the Angels'

Luke 2: 8–16

read by the Lord-Lieutenant (23 December) and a representative of the Guild of Minster Stewards (24 December)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL sung by the choir

Jesus Christ is born today so let us all rejoice.
Choirs of angels from on highest sing in festive voice.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Round the manger ox and mule on bended knee they fall.
Paying homage to their King, for He is Lord of all.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Words: Traditional Polish Carol

Music: Roxanna Panufnik (b. 1968)

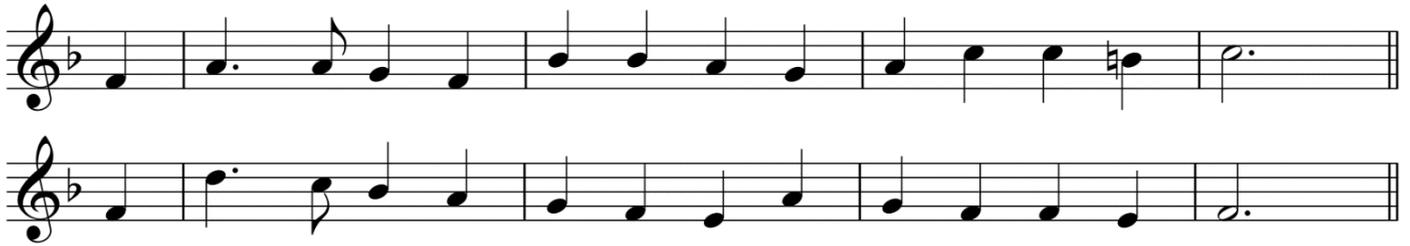
Translated by Anna Kasprzyk and Geoffrey Russell-Smith

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION *given by*

*The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams (23 December), and
The Bishop of Sherwood, The Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton (24 December)*

Please stand

HYMN



**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.**

**'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind),
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.**

**'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:**

**'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'**

**Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:**

**'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'**

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
after Luke 2: 8-14*

*Tune: WINCHESTER OLD NEH 42
from Thomas Este's Psalter, 1592*

Please sit

SEVENTH LESSON: 'The Visit of the Wise Men'

Matthew 2: 1–11

read by a representative of the College of Canons (23 December) and a Priest Vicar (24 December)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL *sung by the choir*

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay,
thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.*

O sisters too,
how may we do
for to preserve this day
this poor youngling,
for whom we sing,
By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king,
in his raging,
charged he hath this day
his men of might,
in his own sight,
all children young to slay.

That woe is me,
poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day,
for thy parting
nor say nor sing
By by, lully lullay!

Words: Traditional 15th century

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Please stand

read by the Dean

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please extinguish your candle

Please sit

CAROL *sung by the choir*

Nowell.

Who is there that singeth so, *Nowell?*

I am here, Sir Christèmas.

Welcome, my Lord Sir Christèmas!

Welcome to all, both more and less, come near. *Nowell.*

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:

A maid hath borne a child full young,

which causeth you to sing: *Nowell.*

Christ is now born of a pure maid;

In an ox stall he is laid,

Wherefore sing we at a brayde: *Nowell.*

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la compagnie.

Make good cheer and be right merry,

And sing with us now joyfully: *Nowell.*

Nowell!

Words: Anon. (c.1500)

Music: William Mathias (1934-92)

Please stand

HYMN



O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him...

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him...

**Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?**

O come, let us adore him...

**Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:**

O come, let us adore him...

*Words: Latin, 18th century
trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80),
William Thomas Brooke (1848-1917) et al.*

*Tune: ADESTE FIDELES CC1 26
John Francis Wade (c.1711-86)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Please remain standing

COLLECT

Dean Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

BLESSING given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham (23 December) and the Bishop of Sherwood (24 December)

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ, who has gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

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. Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Off-spring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) et al.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN CC1 14
Felix Mendelssohn (1808-47)
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Toccata

Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

You are invited to sit quietly to listen to the organ voluntaries. Should you wish to leave before they have finished, please be sensitive to those who wish to listen.

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The challenges of the future

The Music Department of Southwell Minster is going through an exciting period in its life. Its activities are possible only because of the time and commitment of staff and volunteers – all of which comes with a significant financial cost. We can only meet these needs through the support the Minster receives from one-off and regular giving schemes, legacies, and its programme of events.

Some of the projects which need support are:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Equivalent cost to higher-rate taxpayer</i>
Each Choristership	c £1,200 pa	£900
Organ Scholarship	£10,000 pa	£7,500
Lay Clerks and Auxiliaries	£60,000 pa	£45,000
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Singing teachers	£12,000 pa	£9,000
New music commissions	From £3,000 to £10,000	£2,250 to £7,500
Each service	c £800	£600

Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £100 we can claim an extra £25, making your gift worth £125.

You simply need to have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax that is at least equal to the tax that Southwell Cathedral Chapter and other charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs you donate to will reclaim on your donations in a tax year. Higher-rate taxpayers are able to reclaim the additional relief, which we hope will encourage you to give at a higher level.

To achieve this, we need your support. If you would like to discuss how you might give, please do not hesitate to contact:

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CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion with Carols BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
sung by the Cathedral Choir

Preacher: The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

Haydn Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo
arr. Willcocks Ding Dong! merrily on high
Dupré Prelude and Fugue in B
(from Three Preludes and Fugues, Op. 7)

11.30am Festal Mattins BCP *Quire*
sung by the Cathedral Choir

Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor

Wood Ding Dong! merrily on high • *Smith Responses*
Psalm 97 • *Stanford in C* • *Warlock Benedicamus Domino*
Balbastre Quand Jesus naquit à Noël

12.30pm Holy Communion BCP *Quire*

3.30pm Evening Prayer with Carols BCP *Quire*

Psalm 8 • *Hollins Christmas Cradle Song*

7.40am Litany

Quire

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

Quire

Preacher: The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW

Nave (and live-streamed)

Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*

Thorne Mass of St Thomas • Bach Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572

3.30pm Evening Prayer with Carols BCP

Quire

Psalm 57 & 86 • Elgar Allegro maestoso (from Sonata in G)

On Sunday 2 January our services will be sung by the choir of St Peter's Church, Nottingham. The Cathedral Choir will resume singing services after the Christmas break with Evensong at 5.30pm on Thursday 6 January. There will also be a Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Epiphany at **7pm on Thursday 6 January** (sung by the Minster Chorale).

Our **Epiphanytide Procession** service will be held at **3.30pm on Sunday 9 January** and will include music by Marenzio, Handl, Allain, Gardner and Warlock.

We wish you a holy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

*For full details of all of our Christmas services and events,
please visit our website: www.southwellminster.org*

**At the heart
of Christmas** 

*To discover more about the Christmas story,
please take a copy of the Church of England booklet
At the heart of Christmas on your way out of the Minster this evening;
or go to www.churchofengland.org/christmas
and sign up to receive reflections each day from Christmas Eve
to 6 January to your inbox.*

Please take this order of service away with you.

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