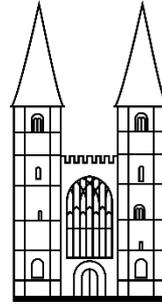




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Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

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**DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION
COMMISSIONING**

*by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham,
The Rt Revd Paul Williams*

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 23 January 2022

3.30pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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

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

This service is led by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*. The preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams.

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 for one week. 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 Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

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.



Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation with more than 3.6 million members in over 78 countries worldwide. The backbone of Mothers' Union is its worldwide network of grassroots volunteers. Whatever their individual backgrounds, members are united in their commitment to supporting marriage and family life. They give their time to generously help others, whether by running local projects, supporting international campaigns, or fundraising. Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships, and our aim is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms.

Organ Music before the Service

Sonata in A minor

Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach (1714-88)

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT *sung by the choir in the Crossing*

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
The Babe, the son of Mary.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

*Tune: GREENSLEEVES NEH 40
English traditional
arr. by Paul Provost (b. 1985)*

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter the Quire

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

OFFICE HYMN



O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of primal might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

**To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,
For ever and for evermore.**

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting light.

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let glory, praise and worship be
From age to age eternally.
Amen.**

Words: Latin

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.

Tune: O LUX BEATA NEH 54 (t. i)

THE PSALMODY *sung by the choir*

Psalm 33

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Praise the Lord with harp:
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
He loveth righteousness and judgement:
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap:
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
Let all the earth fear the Lord:
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
For he spake, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth
out the counsels of princes.
The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah:
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men:
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell
on the earth.
He fashioneth all the hearts of them:
and understandeth all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help, and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.

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: John Soaper (1743-94)

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 9: 15–23

read by The Revd Pat Hemstock, Mothers' Union Chaplain for Newark Archdeaconry

The first lesson is written in the ninth chapter of book of Numbers, beginning at the verse fifteen.

On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp. At the command of the Lord the Israelites would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they would remain in camp. Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle for many days, the Israelites would keep the charge of the Lord, and would not set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain for a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they would remain in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they would set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain from evening until morning; and when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they would set out. Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, resting upon it, the Israelites would remain in camp and would not set out; but when it lifted they would set out. At the command of the Lord they would camp, and at the command of the Lord they would set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

Here ends the first lesson.

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 EVENING SERVICE IN E FLAT (NO 1)
Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Please sit

read by The Revd Wendy Murphy, Mothers' Union Chaplain for Nottingham Archdeaconry

The second lesson is written in the twelfth chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Romans, beginning at the third verse.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Here ends the second lesson.

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 EVENING SERVICE IN E FLAT (NO 1)
Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Please turn east (towards the High Altar)

THE APOSTLES' 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.**

Please turn back

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES
sung by the Canon Precentor and choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray.

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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help
and defend us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE 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.

THE 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*

The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient:
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
O thou sword of the Lord, put up thyself into thy scabbard,
rest and be still.
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.
He maketh peace in thy borders:
He maketh wars to cease in all the world.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness:
and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.
That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people:
and praise him in the seat of the elders. Alleluia.

*Words: Psalm 99:1; Jeremiah 47:6, Psalm 20:7
Psalm 147:14a, Psalm 46:9a; Psalm 107:31-32*

Music: William Boyce (1710-79)

COMMISSIONING OF THE DIOCESAN PRESIDENT, SHELAGH BAIRD-SMITH

The Revd Pat Hemstock, Mothers' Union Chaplain for Newark Archdeaconry, says:

Bishop Paul, I present to you Shelagh Baird-Smith
who has been elected to serve as President of the Mothers' Union
in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Bishop Shelagh, are you willing to lead
the Mothers' Union in this Diocese
promoting its work by your word and example
and encouraging all its members to serve God in home,
family and community?

Shelagh I am, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Shelagh, I admit you to the office of Diocesan President
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord who has called you
give you grace and power to fulfil your calling faithfully.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you this day and always.

Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW DIOCESAN OFFICIALS

The newly-elected Trustees stand before the Bishop.

The Diocesan President says:

Bishop Paul, I present to you these duly-elected Officers to be commissioned for work as Trustees and Officers within the Mothers' Union in this Diocese.

Bishop The offices to which you have been elected are a solemn trust carrying a great responsibility for the Mothers' Union, in a society within the church having special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian life.

Will you accept your office in the Mothers' Union in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct you as you daily call upon him?

Trustees ***I will, putting my trust in him.***

Bishop I admit you to this office in the Mothers' Union in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Will you all remember those commissioned this day, in your prayers and give them your loyal support and encouragement?

We will.

Members of the Mothers' Union are invited to stand.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOTHERS' UNION

The Diocesan President says:

We are called to remember the promises made at our admission as members of the Mothers' Union. The Mothers' Union is a World Wide Society whose purpose is to strengthen and preserve marriage and Christian family life. As we hear again the five objectives we pray for strength to fulfil them.

A member reads the Mothers' Union objectives:

To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding; to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church; to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service; to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; and to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Bishop You have heard all this; will you now promise faithfully to commit yourselves afresh to the aim and objectives of the Mothers' Union?

Members ***By the grace of God, we will.***

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, Bible reading and in worship?

Members ***By the grace of God, we will.***

Bishop Will you do all in your power to help others to achieve the aim and objectives of the Mothers' Union?

Members ***In the love of Christ, and the power of his Spirit, we will.***

Bishop May the Lord Jesus Christ, in his love and compassion grant you the joy and the power to fulfil the Promises you have made as members of the Mothers' Union.

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for the work of the Mothers' Union as follows:

**Loving Lord,
we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.
We pray for families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union
as we seek to share your love
through the encouragement, strengthening and support
of marriage and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit,
may we be united in prayer and worship,
and in love and service
reach out as your hands across the world;
in Jesus Christ's name.
Amen.**

Please remain seated or kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Dean*

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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



1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: BLAENWERN NEH 408 (t. i)
William Rowlands (1860-1937)

Please sit when invited

ADDRESS given by the Bishop

Please stand

HYMN



1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Tune: NUN DANKET NEH 413
Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
arr. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

BLESSING *given by the Bishop*

When the Word became flesh
earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary.
May the love and obedience of Mary be your example.
Amen.

May the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts and homes.
Amen.

May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit
and the gifts of your eternal home.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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 Naylor (1867-1934)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the clergy and choir depart*

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Following the service, all are invited to refreshments in the Crossing.

COMING UP AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 30 January

Patronal Festival

7.40am Litany *Quire*

8.00am Holy Communion BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
sung by the Cathedral Choir
Preacher: The Revd Jeremy Fletcher

3.30pm Festal Evensong and Procession BCP *Quire (and live-streamed)*
sung by the Cathedral Choir
Preacher: The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*

Patronal Festival – next Sunday. We are delighted to welcome back Canon Jeremy Fletcher as the preacher at the 10am Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 30 January. Some of you will remember Jeremy when he was Bishop’s Chaplain before taking us the post of Canon Precentor at York Minster in 2002. He then went to Beverley Minster and recently moved to be Vicar of St John’s Hampstead, in London.

Coffee rota returning from next week! With the fall in the number of Covid-19 cases, we have decided that it is now safe to resume post-service refreshments. So, we are delighted to announce that there will be tea, coffee, and soft drinks after next week’s service – and even on this occasion a glass of something sparkling for those who want it, to celebrate our Patronal Festival.

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