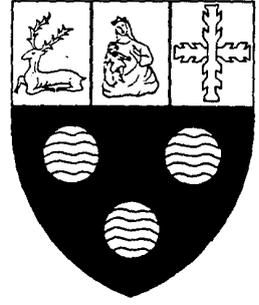




**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 6 March 2022**

**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 is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

The Preacher is the Revd Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*.

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

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at [www.southwellminster.org/worship-online](http://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 *Mass for five voices* by William Byrd (c.1540-1623).

## Organ Music before the Service

*Passacaglia in D minor*, BUXWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

## **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. 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 this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. 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 if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

## **Minster Kids**

Following the Gospel reading, our younger choristers will leave for children's activities in the Archbishop's Palace. Children aged 5–11 in the congregation are warmly invited to join them – please look out for our children's leaders and follow them out. They will return in time for the Offertory Hymn.

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/donate](http://www.southwellminster.org/donate). Please give generously.

<p>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 <a href="mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk">office@southwellminster.org.uk</a></p>
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.*

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand at the entry of the altar party*

### LENT PROSE



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinned a - gainst thee.

*Choir* Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

*Choir* To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
With true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:  
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

*Words: Latin, 10<sup>th</sup> century  
from the Mozarabic rite*

*Tune: ATTENDE NEH 507  
Mode v*

*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.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,  
returned from the Jordan and was led by  
the Spirit into the wilderness,  
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.  
Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when  
we have fallen from temptation into sin.

*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.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

## 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,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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 Christine Bowering*

Romans 10: 8b–13

‘The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart’  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with  
your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so  
is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.  
The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord  
of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on  
the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*





Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you”,

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Following the Gospel reading, children leave for their own activities in the Archbishop's Palace via the south door. Please sit when invited by the preacher.*

*SERMON given by the Canon Missioner*

*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 Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

*The following response may be used:*

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

*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* Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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

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



1. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Tune: WOLVERCOTE NEH 420  
William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

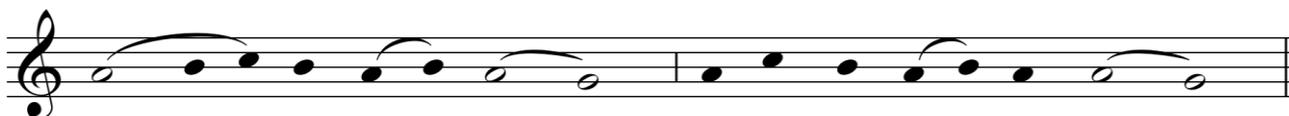
*President* Let us pray.

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**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 in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

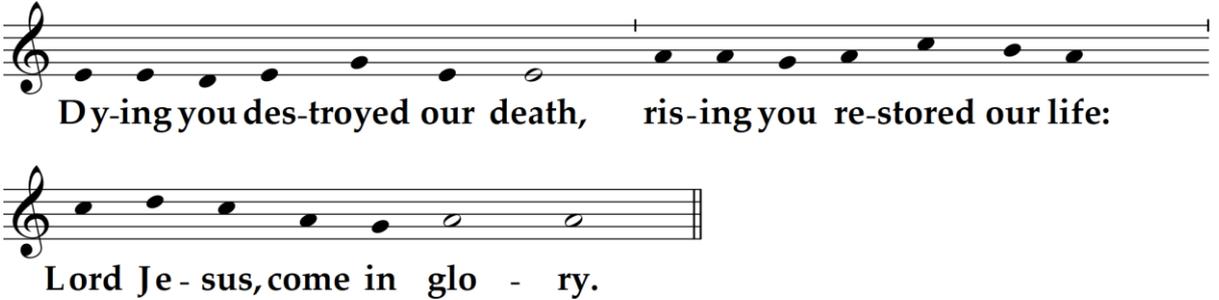
*President* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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* Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All*



Dy-ing you des-troyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life:  
Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

*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* Trusting in the compassion of God,  
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

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## 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.*

*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*

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

### *COMMUNION MOTET sung by the choir*

<i>In jejunio et fletu, orabant sacerdotes: Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, et ne des hereditatem tuam in perditionem: inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes: Parce populo tuo.</i>	<i>Fasting and weeping, the priests prayed: Spare, O Lord, spare your people, and do not abandon your inheritance. Between the porch and the altar, the priests wept, saying: Spare your people.</i>
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*Words: after Joel 2: 12, 17*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

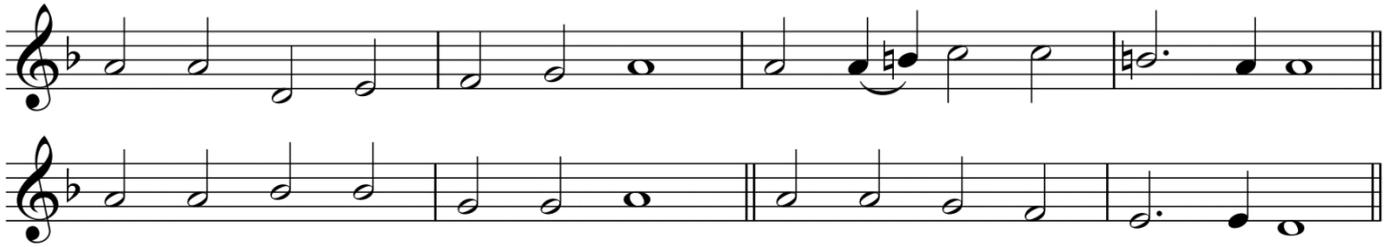
## THE DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

## BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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. Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild,  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,  
Prowling beasts about thy way,  
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3. Let us thine endurance share,  
And awhile from joys abstain,  
With thee watching unto prayer,  
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

4. And if Satan, vexing sore,  
Flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou, his vanquisher before,  
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

5. So shall we have peace divine,  
Holier gladness ours shall be,  
Round us too shall angels shine,  
Such as ministered to thee.

6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
Ever constant by thy side,  
That with thee we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide.

Words: *George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70)*  
and *Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

Tune: *AUS DER TIEFE NEH 67*  
*Martin Herbst (1654-81)*

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537*

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 7 – 13 March 2022



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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 on Wednesday when it is replaced with Evening Prayer)

### Sunday 13 March

7.40am	<b>Litany</b> BCP
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> BCP
10.00am	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b> CW
11.30am	<b>Mattins</b> BCP
3.30pm	<b>Evensong</b> BCP

### The Second Sunday of Lent

<i>Quire</i>
<i>Quire</i>
<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
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**Reflections on the Threads through Creation exhibition.** Threads through Creation, exhibition will be the focus of prayer during Lent and Easter week. From **Tuesday 15 March** until Thursday 21 April, we will be holding a short reflection service in the Nave, from **12.45pm to 1.05pm each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Led by people from the Minster and Holy Trinity church, these 20-minute reflections at the different panels will focus on our beautiful earth and our responsibility for it. Those attending the Reflection are most welcome to attend the Holy Communion service at 12.15pm before the prayers.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No one owns a desert. It isn't anyone's property. We come to it to be alone and to place ourselves in the presence of God. We may be 'owned' or 'possessed' by all sorts of things – our anxieties, our ambitions, our agendas, our fantasies, our lust for more. But in the desert we are put back in touch with raw basic necessities. We are with Jesus, between the animals and the angels, between the basics of heaven and the basics of earth.

Stephen Cottrell *Christ in the Wilderness* p.19 SPCK 2012

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## INTERCESSIONS

**Please pray for all victims of the war in Ukraine**, especially praying for the Anglican Chaplaincy of Christ Church in Kyiv and St Andrew's Moscow, in particular for Canon Malcolm Rogers, who is Anglican Chaplain at St Andrew's.

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

### **The Minster Family**

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

### **Recently Departed**

May Girvin, Jack Skill, Pauline Tyers. John (Tony) Anthony Williams

### **We Remember on the Anniversary of Their Death**

- 6 Lynda Anne Bryan
- 7 Richard Miles Harrison, Margaret Short
- 8 Patricia Grantham Shayler
- 9 Joyce Wagstaff

## NOTICEBOARD

**Ukraine.** We all feel heartache and helplessness in the unfolding darkness and suffering in Ukraine. The Bishop of Europe has asked that first and foremost we pray. Please use Lent as an intentional season to pray either alone, with others or within a service. Bishop Robert advises that if we want to give money, we do so either through the Diocese of Europe website (marked for 'Christ Church Kyiv') or via one of the main humanitarian agencies (UNHCR, IRC or Disaster Emergency Committee UK for example). There are local collection points for practical items (blankets, dried and tinned food, clothing, pet food, first aid kits, toys, toiletries etc) at the Southwell Town Council office on the Burgage, and at The Bramley and The Coach House pubs. Best to check opening times on social media/website.

**Threads through Creation by Jacqui Parkinson, until Sunday 24 April.** Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking.

**Theology Group Lent Programme.** We follow the Sunday lectionary in using readings from Luke's gospel to lead us deeper into Christ's teaching and his passion, using Tom Wright's *Lent for Everyone* commentary to help us. We meet alternate Tuesdays (apart from Tuesday 22 March) in person in Sacrista Prebend or on Zoom. At 7.30pm. we begin with Compline and you are welcome to join us for this part only or stay for discussion afterwards. Email [alison.milbank@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:alison.milbank@southwellminster.org.uk) for a Zoom link or just turn up for the in-person sessions.

Tuesday 8 March: Christ at prayer. Luke 4.1-13 and 11.1-13. In person at Sacrista.

Tuesday 15 March: Christ and women. Luke 10.38-42 and 8.40-56. On Zoom.

Tuesday 22 March: NO MEETING

Tuesday 29 March: Christ and the lost. Luke 15 and 19.1-10. In person at Sacrista.

Tuesday 5 April: Christ's passion. Luke 23.13-55. On Zoom.

**Relaxation of Covid guidance.** Following the Government's decision to end all formal Covid restrictions, the Minster has reviewed its own guidelines and procedures, and has decided that:

- Face coverings are no longer required in the Minster, but everyone should feel free to wear one if they prefer, or if it makes those around them feel safer. Clergy will continue to wear a face covering when preparing the altar and when distributing communion
- On Sunday mornings, as was the case before Christmas, there will be an area towards the back of the nave where chairs will be more generously spaced, and where everyone agrees to wear a face covering throughout the service
- We will work towards restoring other aspects of our worship gradually over the coming weeks. This includes an intention to restore the use of communion rails and the common cup at Easter – the latter of these will always be optional, of course, for those who wish it.

Please do feel free to speak to a member of the clergy if you have questions about any of this.

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