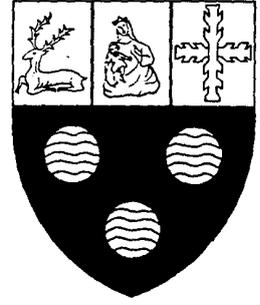




**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

Sunday 13 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 Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*.

The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Preacher is the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

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 Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa brevis* by William Walton (1902-83).

## Organ Music before the service

*Attende Domine*

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-68)

## **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.

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<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 President of the Eucharist 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* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*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,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 Caroline Jarvis*

Genesis 15: 1–12, 17–18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN



1. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
And purge away my sin;  
From earthborn passions set me free,  
And make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
With care and woe opprest;  
Let me thy loving servant be,  
And taste thy promised rest.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery  
Be thou my health and life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point thou the heavenly way.

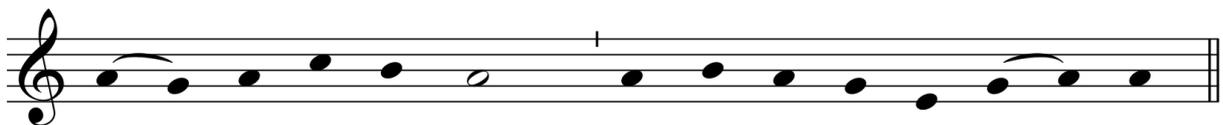
5. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
When flows the tempest high:  
When on doth rush the enemy  
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

6. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
That, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
And share thy joy at last.

Words: Greek, Synesius of Cyrene (375-430)  
trans. A.W. Chatfield (1808-96)

Tune: SOUTHWELL NEH 70 (t. i)  
William Daman (1540-91), adapted from  
The Psalmes in English Metre, 1579

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

*Choir* Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*Choir* O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
He sends out his word to the earth.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Music: John Harper (b. 1947) and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

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



**Glo-ry to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

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 Theologian*

*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 Dr Alastair Clarke, Liturgy and Music Administrator*

*The following response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**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

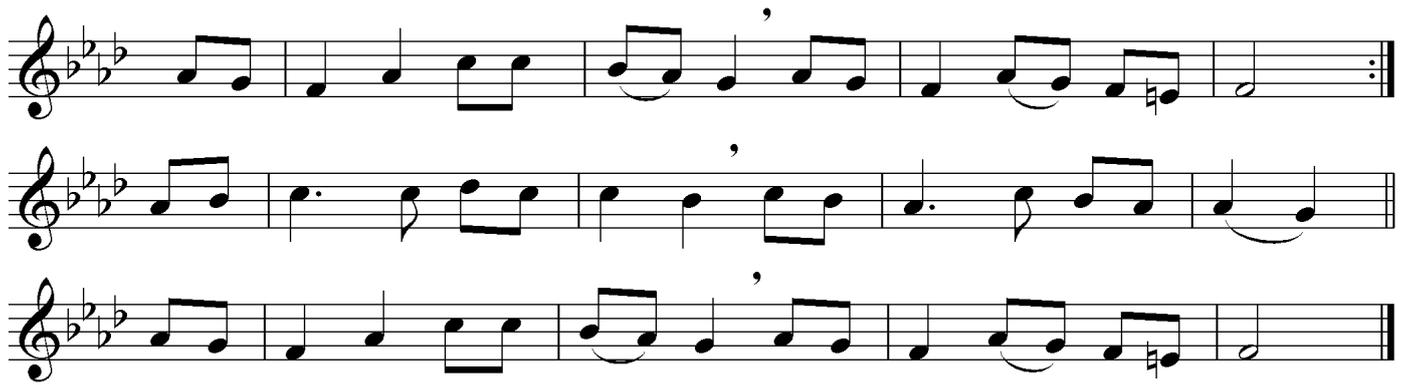
*Please stand*

### 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*



**God of mercy and compassion,  
look with pity upon me.  
Father, let me call thee Father;  
'tis thy child returns to thee.**

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them;  
never will I sin again.*

**By my sins I have deserved  
death and endless misery,  
Hell with all its pains and torments,  
and for all eternity.**

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy...*

**By my sins I have abandoned  
right and claim to heaven above,  
Where the saints rejoice for ever  
in a boundless sea of love.**

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy...*

**See our Saviour bleeding, dying,  
on the cross of Calvary;  
To that cross my sins have nailed him,  
yet he bleeds and dies for me.**

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy...*

Words: Edmund Vaughan (1827-1908)

Tune: AU SANG QU'UN DIEU CH 51  
Traditional French  
arranged after Giovanni Pergolesi (1710-36)

## 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 is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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:

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

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

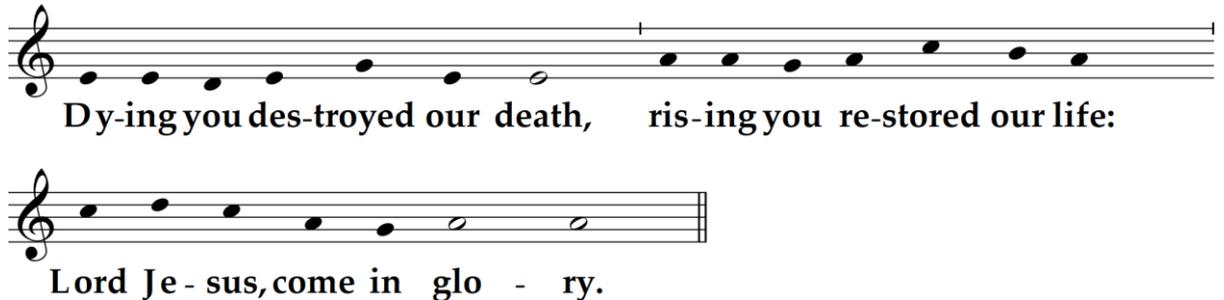
*President* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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* 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*



*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*

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*

Vinea mea electa ego te plantavi:  
Quomodo conversa es in  
amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres  
et Barabbam dimitteres.  
Sepivi te et lapides elegi ex te et  
aedificavi turrem.

*My chosen vine, I planted you:  
How is it that you have turned to  
bitterness, so that you would crucify  
me and release Barabbas?  
I fenced you round, cleared the stones  
from you, and built you a tower.*

*Words: Third Responsory at Tenebrae, Good Friday  
after Isaiah 5: 2 and Mark 15: 11-13*

*Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
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



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast:'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down, and drink, and live:'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright:'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Tune: KINGSFOLD NEH 376

English traditional

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## DISMISSAL

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Praeludium in A minor*, BuxWV 153

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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 13 - 20 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 20 March

7.40am      **Litany**    BCP  
8.00am      **Holy Communion**    BCP  
10.00am     **Cathedral Eucharist**    CW  
3.30pm      **Evensong**    BCP

### The Third Sunday of Lent

*Quire*  
*Quire*  
*Nave (and live-streamed)*  
*Quire (and live-streamed)*

**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 (although we are aware that most are now only asking for specific items, and some in particular are requesting no more clothing – so please check in advance before taking items).

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the heart of all temptation is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive him as secondary, if not actually superfluous or annoying, in comparison with all the apparently far more urgent matters that fill our lives. Constructing the world by our own lights, without reference to God, building on our own foundation; refusing to acknowledge the reality of anything beyond the political and material, while setting God aside as an illusion – that is the temptation that threatens us in many varied forms.

Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI) *Jesus of Nazareth* p.28 Bloomsbury 2007

## 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**

Jack Skill, Albert Francis (Frank) Surtees, John Anthony (Tony) Williams

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

- 15 Alfred William Burchett
- 17 Ian Arthurson, Charles Leslie Cookes
- 18 Sylvia Joyce Jacklin, Hugh Frederick Wright
- 19 Philippa Ann Parker

## NOTICEBOARD

**Reflections on the Threads through Creation exhibition.** Threads through Creation, exhibition will be the focus of prayer during Lent and Easter week. Starting from this 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 Holy Communion service at 12.15pm before the prayers.

**Message from Nikki Smith.** Nikki, who finished working in the Minster Office this week, has asked for the following message to the Minster community to be included:

"A very big thank you to everyone at the Minster who contributed to my leaving gift, I am truly amazed by the generosity. I received many cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes, I am so touched. I will remember my time at the Minster with great fondness and will always be grateful for the love and support from my closest colleagues. *Nikki Smith*"

**Fairtrade Display.** Today is the last chance to view the Fairtrade Display in the North Crossing before it is taken down – and please take one of the leaflets. Congratulations to the winner of the Fairtrade Quiz: Sue Mullis! *Minster Fairtrade Group*

**Consultation on the Minster's worship pattern.** Many thanks to those who were able to attend the Community Forum on Shrove Tuesday. One of the matters discussed was the Minster's worship pattern. It was announced that after Easter, we will begin a consultation with the Minster congregation and others connected with us, to gather information about people's feelings regarding the service pattern that we have been following since lockdown, and what people would like to see for the future. The intention is to use a survey format, to be available online and on paper, and to reach as many people and groups as possible. Because of the complexities of the cathedral diary, choir schedules, etc., it is envisaged that any further major changes to our pattern would take place from September. Please feel free to speak to one of the clergy if you have any questions. *Canon Richard*

**LLF – what is it?** You may have seen the notice recently about a course called *Living in Love and Faith* and wondered what it was all about. I would suggest that it is the most important discussion for the Church of England at this time. If you would like to find out more then I am hosting a brief introduction after the Cathedral Eucharist on **Sunday 3 April** for those that would like to find out more. We will meet in the State Room at 11:30am and finish no later than 12noon. There will be plenty of opportunity for asking questions and there is no commitment to doing the course, it is simply a chance to find out more. The actual course will run after Easter beginning on Thursday 28 April and you do not need to have done the introduction. *Canon Paul Rattigan*

**Supporting Newark Foodbank.** The following items are especially needed in March: Long-life fruit juice, Instant mashed potato, Tinned meat to serve hot (e.g. stew), Tinned or instant custard, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower gel, Hand wash, Strong shopping bags. Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, Lloyds Chemist, and some churches.

**Mothering Sunday Posies** – On Saturday 26 March (9am-12noon) there will be a busy morning creating the posies for distribution at the services on Mothering Sunday (27 March). If you are able to volunteer to help please come to the State Chamber with donated greenery and secateurs or scissors for your own use. We are always grateful for greenery so any contribution will be met with open arms. We aim to make about 300 posies and it would be good to reach that number this year. Any queries, please ring me. *Jan Richardson (01636 812651)*

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