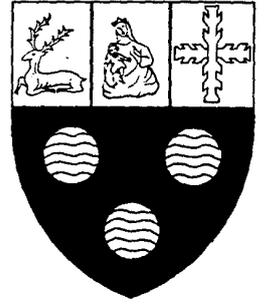


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Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
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CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 27 November 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 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 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.

A collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be taken during the Offertory Hymn at this service. 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. Cash donations can also be placed in the donation box near each entrance or card donations made using the contactless card station. Alternatively, to make a donation online, please scan this QR code or visit www.southwellminster.org/donate. Please give generously.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from.

Minster Kids

Following the Gospel reading, children aged 5–11 in the congregation are warmly invited to leave for children's activities — please look out for our children's leaders and follow them out. They will return in time for the Offertory Hymn. (If this is the first time your child has gone out to the group please could an adult initially accompany them so as to complete a registration form. Children under 5 will be welcome if accompanied throughout the session by an adult.) We also have a Children's Chapel next to the font, and young children and their carers are encouraged to explore it.

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.

Music at this service

The Cathedral Lay Clerks are directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa in simplicitate* by Jean Langlais (1907-91).

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

From *O Antiphon Preludes*

Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

- i. *O Sapientia,*
- ii. *O Adonai*
- iii. *O Radix Jesse*

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

ADVENT PROSE *during which the choir and ministers enter*

Drop down_ ye hea-vens from_ a - bove,___

and let the skies pour_ down right- eous_ ness.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Latin, Officia Propria, 1673

*Tune: RORATE CAELI NEH 501
Mode i*

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

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

All



Bles - sed be God for e - ver.

Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

cf. 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence is kept.

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

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

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

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2: 1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

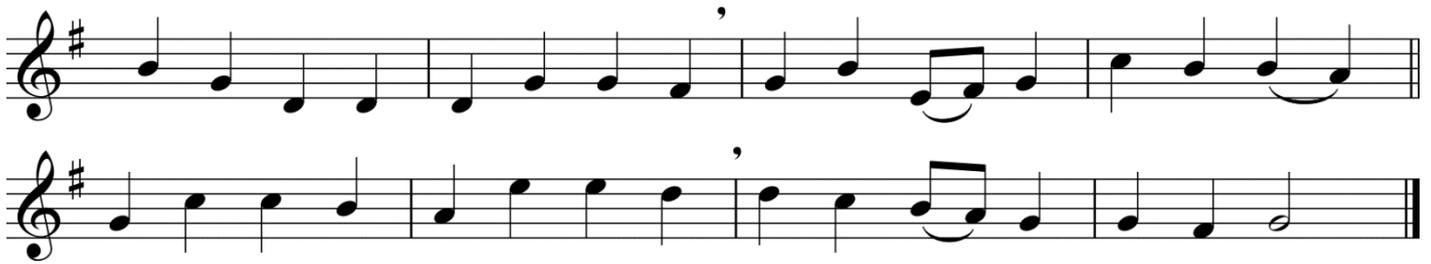
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN



**1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**3. Born thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**4. By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By thy all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Tune: CROSS OF JESUS NEH 3 (t. ii)
John Stainer (1840-1901)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered the disciples saying: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

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 Patrick and Helen Sills*

The following response may be used:

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

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

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



**1. O God of earth and altar,
Bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
The swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us,
But take away our pride.**

**2. From all that terror teaches,
From lies of tongue and pen,
From all the easy speeches
That comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation
Of honour and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Lord!**

**3. Tie in a living tether
The prince and priest and thrall,
Bind all our lives together,
Smite us and save us all;
In ire and exultation
Aflame with faith, and free,
Lift up a living nation,
A single sword to thee.**

Words: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936)

Tune: KING'S LYNN NEH 492

English traditional

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

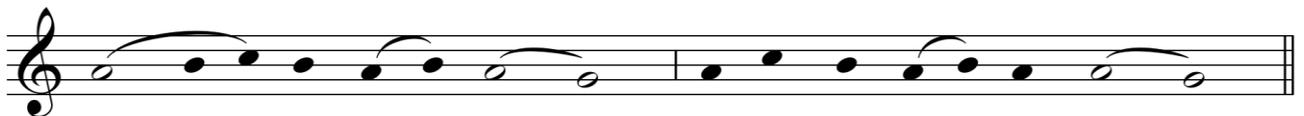
As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you and also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

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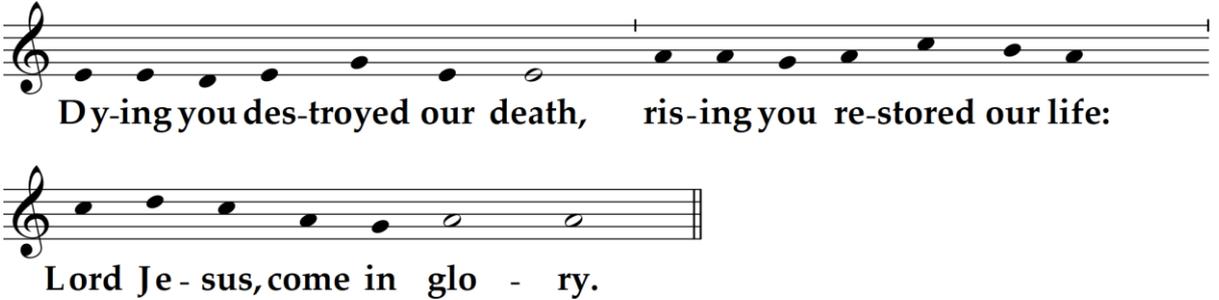
President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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 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.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) both at the communion rail and at the font. If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

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

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

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

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

COMMUNION HYMN



Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluya, alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Words: *Liturgy of St James*
trans. Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)

Tune: *PICARDY NEH 295*
French, 17th century

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

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

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

HYMN



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

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

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

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

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Following the service, all are warmly invited to refreshments in the South Transept.

Advent Procession this evening at 6.30pm. The Minster kicks off the season of Advent with our now-traditional Advent Procession, a dramatic and atmospheric candle-lit service in which the Cathedral Choir sings from around the Minster building, and we prepare with music and Bible readings to celebrate the coming to us of Jesus at Christmas. (Please note that there will be no service at 3.30pm this afternoon.)

Next Sunday 4 December, immediately following the Cathedral Eucharist, between 11.30am and 12.30pm, will be the last of this term's **Growing in Faith: Sunday Understanding Series**, which will explore the topic of Advent (living between Christ's first coming and his second). No need to book.

New Services Starting Sunday 11 December. Our new service pattern for the second Sunday of the month starts in two weeks time

- 10.00am: a shorter, less formal Cathedral Eucharist with no choir and more congregational participation – designed to be the perfect introduction for those who are new to church, or perhaps returning after time away.
- 11.15: a Sung Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer, featuring the Cathedral Choir and with full ceremonial including incense.

We hope to live-stream both of these services each month. For more details please see the Minster website. Please do support these services, and spread the word about them to people you know who may be interested.

Full details of all of our Christmas services and other special events and concerts can be found on our website at <https://www.southwellminster.org/christmas2022/>

We have now resumed the practice of taking the collection during the Offertory Hymn at our Sunday services. However, donations in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral by other means are equally welcome. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box near each entrance, or donations by card can be made using one of our contactless donation stations. 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. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org/donate. Please give generously.

Please note that Mini-Pew News (the abridged version of the Weekly notice sheet), is now printed as a separate document given out at Minster services each Sunday. The full version of Pew News continues to be available online – and can be found at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/> or we can send you an e-mail each week that includes a link to the new edition as it is published (please complete the web form at <https://www.southwellminster.org/newsletter> to sign up to receive this regular weekly e-mail).

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