



The Minster Centre, Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD

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Dear Time Travellers,

My name Diana, I'm Head of Education here at the Minster. The staff, volunteers and I have been working hard planning your visit so I hope you are looking forward to it - Time Travelling is one of our favourite weeks of the year. I'm excited to meet you, please come and say 'hello' if you see me.



People often ask me *'why is it called Time Travelling?'* There are lots of reasons. Let's think first about **TIME**. The Minster is **MEDIEVAL**: the oldest part is over 900 years old. To build it, an **ANGLO-SAXON** church was knocked down. Before that, we think **ROMAN** Gods were worshipped near here. That means that pilgrims have been coming here for **A VERY LONG TIME!** You will follow in their footsteps as today's newest pilgrims. Your feet will tread the same path as those 1500 years ago.... We are all connected in **TIME** by the Minster's long history.



Next, **TRAVELLING**. Every pilgrimage is a **JOURNEY** to a place which means something to you. The Minster is important to all of us in Nottinghamshire because it's our **Cathedral** - it contains evidence of our county and national history. You will **TRAVEL** here by bus (most of you), where you'll be met by your **PILGRIM GUIDE**, who will make sure you don't get lost on your **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY** at the Minster on foot. Some people say that life is a pilgrimage. Christians believe God is with them on their journey from birth to death - the destination is heaven. I hope that helps.

I'd like you to remember **TLC: Travelling Learning and Connecting** - this is what pilgrims do. They **T**Travel to a special place; they **L**earn about themselves and others; and they **C**onnect - to a special place, new friends and those who came before. You will do 6 activities to help you do this. You'll find out how Christians worship and why we believe in helping others; you'll hear Bible stories and have a good look around the building, learning about the people who work here. We will spend time together at the start and end of the day to sing and get to know the Minster. Do your best to listen, learn and make connections, joining in as much as you can.

When pilgrims leave a special place, it's traditional to take something away as a souvenir. You will make something to keep, and we will give you a **'journal'** as a reminder of your day. The Minster is a big, beautiful, building with lots of amazing things to see - from enormous arches to tiny carved mice....like this one.

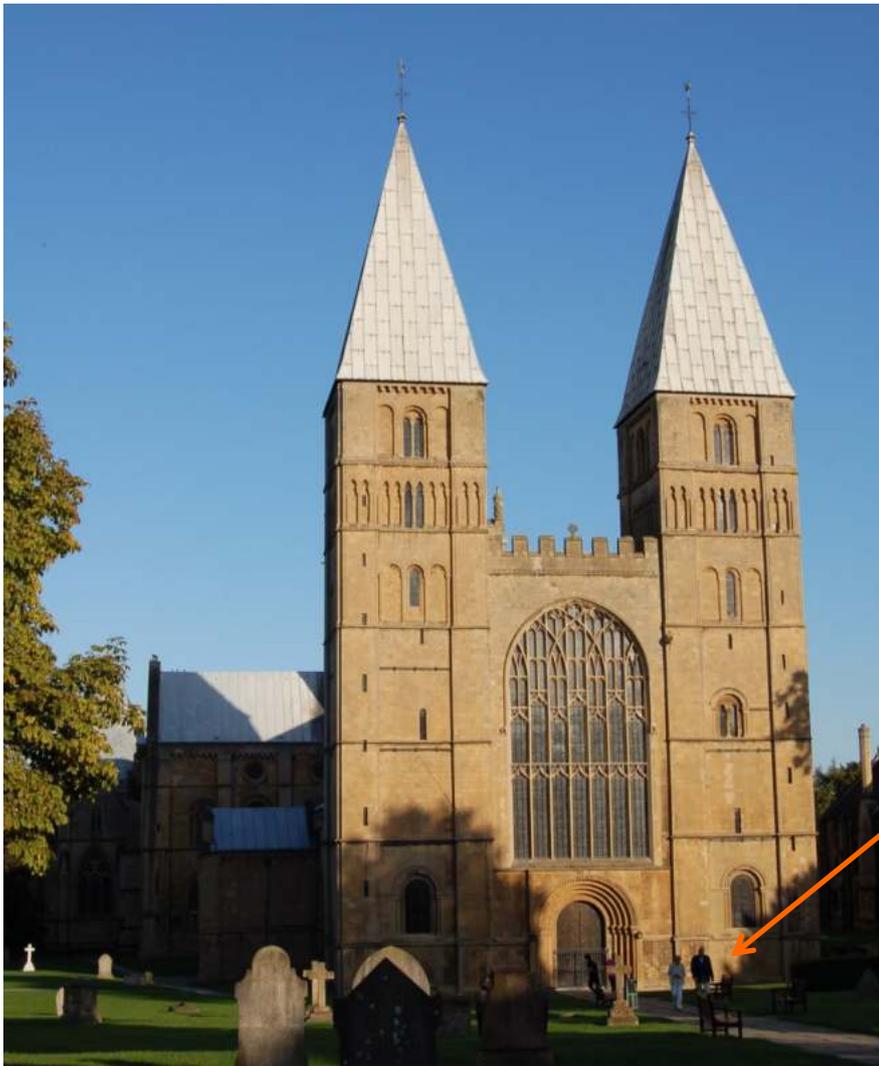


These mice are Victorian, carved into some of our furniture

If you'd like to find out more before you come, just google **"Southwell Minster"** to see hundreds of images. Here are a couple to get you started. You can watch our **'Introducing Southwell Minster'** film here <https://youtu.be/BUWqQ6CARM>

With best wishes

Diana and the Time Travelling team ☺



One of the things people remember about the Minster are the 'pepperpots' towers. You'll spot them straight away.

This is a person: see how small they look next to the Minster's door. You will enter through this door.



Look at the bright colours in this stained glass window. There are lots of them which tell stories from the Bible.

Our stone green men are easy to spot. Their faces are surrounded by leaves. They are world famous!

