



Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**Nottinghamshire
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COUNCIL ANNUAL SERVICE
OF DEDICATION

Sunday 25 June 2023
3.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

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

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Clergy at this Service

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

The Preacher is the Venerable Phil Williams, *Archdeacon of Nottingham*.

The prayers of intercession are led by the Chairman's Chaplain, the Revd Bryony Wood.

The Blessing is given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

This afternoon we are also joined by the Inspire Performance Band and Red Hot Saxes – both overseen by Inspire (Inspire – Culture, Learning and Libraries (Midlands)). Inspire is a community benefit society with charitable status which was established by Nottinghamshire County Council in 2016 to deliver a range of cultural and learning services.

Organ Music before the Service

Sonata No 2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

- i. *Grave*
- ii. *Adagio*
- iii. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*
- iv. *Fuga (Allegro moderato)*

Collection

During the final hymn a collection will be taken, net proceeds of which will be divided equally between the work of the Cathedral and the Nottinghamshire County Council Chairman's chosen charity, the NSPCC in Nottinghamshire. (see page iv).



The NSPCC in Nottinghamshire

Protecting children today, and preventing abuse tomorrow

No child should suffer abuse. Struggling with devastating trauma, violence and neglect is too much for children. They are lonely and frightened, and the scars can last a lifetime. But we know that half a million children a year suffer abuse in the UK. That means seven children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18. While more and more children are being put at risk by new dangers in the world around them.

This must change. At home, in school, or online, every child deserves to be safe and happy.

We have shattered the silence around child abuse. With your support, we can protect children today and prevent abuse tomorrow:

Every day, our helplines and frontline staff are giving hope to children who feel desperate or invisible. Listening to their worries and fears, we act immediately whenever a child is in danger.

We make sure that local teachers, police, and social services are ready to keep children safe too. And by changing the law and speaking out about threats to children, we can stop abuse before it starts. The NSPCC helps millions of children through Childline and our school visits, and we know how to protect children from harm. We are in every local community, and we will keep fighting for young people whatever the future brings.

It is only thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we are able to deliver our vital services, and to campaign for change. 90% of our funding comes from donations. Your support means that we can be there for every child. Because of you, we are on the phone, online, in their classrooms, whenever and wherever they need us. In the face of new challenges, you are helping us create a safer world around them. Together we can change children's lives. Together we can stop abuse.

The Chairman is hosting an afternoon tea at Headon Manor, Retford, DN22 0NQ on Sunday 9 July at 3pm. For ticket availability and to book please contact salliole@gmail.com or mobile 07966 495283 by Monday 3 July. Payment may be made by cash or cheque.

Processions

At 2.50pm, please remain seated as the civic procession enters the Cathedral through the west doors and proceeds to their places in the Nave:

A Verger

The Chief Executive of Gedling Borough Council and Consort

The Chief Executive of Mansfield District Council and Consort

The Chief Fire Officer

The Police and Crime Commissioner of Nottinghamshire and Consort

The Assistant Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police

The Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council and Consort

The Worshipful Mayor of Broxtowe Borough Council and Consort

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The Worshipful Mayor of Rushcliffe Borough Council and Consort

The Chairman of Ashfield District Council

The Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council

The Vice-Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council

The Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council and Lady

The High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire and Consort

At 2.55pm, the Dean greets Dame Elizabeth Fradd, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, at the west doors. Please stand as they enter, then sit with the Vice Lord-Lieutenant.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC *played by the Inspire Performance Band*

Processional

Philip Sparke (b. 1951)

At 3.00pm, the service begins with the processional hymn on page 1, during which the clergy enter.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*Words: Jan Struther (1901-53)
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*Tune: SLANE NEH 239
Irish traditional arr. Erik Routley (1917-82)*

Please sit

BIDDING

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation and then says:

We gather in our Cathedral Church to mark the year of Councillor John Ogle's term of office as Chairman of the County Council; and to reflect on and give thanks for all that binds our common life together across Nottinghamshire.

At this time of challenge for many families across our County, it is very fitting that the Chairman has chosen the Nottinghamshire branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as his chosen charity. It is also highly appropriate that we should have young musicians, from both the Nottinghamshire Music Hub and our own Cathedral Choir, helping to lead our worship this afternoon, reminding us of the opportunities that music provides for our young people in our schools, communities, and places of worship.

Following the tragic events in our city almost two weeks ago, we hold in our prayers and our thoughts today the people of Nottingham, and in particular all those most deeply affected: the injured and the grieving, the witnesses and the emergency services. And we remember before God Grace O'Malley Kumar, Barnaby Webber, and Ian Coates, who lost their lives in the attacks of 13th June.

And so today, mindful of all that has been, we pray for all that is to come, for the flourishing of all God's people, in Nottinghamshire and beyond.

COLLECT

Dean Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, to whom we must all give account:
guide with your Spirit the people of the County of Nottinghamshire,
that we may be faithful to the mind of Christ
and seek in all our purposes to enrich our common life
so we are inspired to work for justice, love and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MUSIC performed by Red Hot Saxes

Please stand

HYMN



1. We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread:
All good gifts around us.....

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:
All good gifts around us.....

Words: German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
trans. Jane Campbell (1817-1878)

Tune: WIR PFLÜGEN NEH 262
Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)
arr. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Please sit

REFLECTION *by Barbara Elsey, Community Fundraising Manager at NSPCC Nottinghamshire*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 146 *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord:
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man:
for there is no help in them.
For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth:
and then all his thoughts perish.
Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
who keepeth his promise for ever.
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong:
who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison:
The Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:
The Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow:
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:
and throughout all generations.

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.

Chant: George Elvey (1816-93)

read by Cllr John Ogle, Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS given by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams

ANTHEM sung by the Cathedral Choir

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
before all nations as the earth bringeth forth her bud.

Words: from Isaiah 61

*Music: from THE APOSTLES
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

PRAYERS

Please remain seated or kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Chairman's Chaplain, the Revd Bryony Wood*

The following response may be used:

Your kingdom come,
Your will be done.

concluding with

Drawing all our prayers together,
we join as one in the prayer that Jesus taught 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

ACT OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Dean In this holy place, where for centuries lives have been celebrated, remembered and hallowed; and many have brought the best of themselves through pledging vows of commitment to loved ones and to communities; so we today join our truest ideals and all the gifts we can offer as we pledge our own commitment to the people of this county.

**Almighty God,
forgive what we have been,
amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
Give us the will to act out of a generous spirit.
Give us the strength to see that good prevails,
so that we may be faithful in the service we offer,
seeking a greater gain for the common wealth of all.**

Amen.

HYMN *during which a collection is taken, net proceeds of which will be divided equally between the work of the Cathedral and the NSPCC in Nottinghamshire.*



**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And when there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

O Master, grant that I may never seek...

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're brought to eternal life.**

Words: *Sebastian Temple (1928-97)*
based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi (c. 1182-1226)

Tune: *CHANNEL OF PEACE HOAN 435*
Sebastian Temple (1928-97)

CONCLUSION

BLESSING

Bishop God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

Tune: NATIONAL ANTHEM NEH 489
English traditional
arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final (from Symphony No 1)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Recession

A Verger

The Dean and the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

The Bishop's Chaplain

The High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire and Consort

The Archdeacon of Nottingham

The Canon Precentor and the Canon Missioner

The Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council and Lady

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The Assistant Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police

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