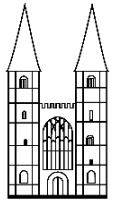


# PEW NEWS

*Weekly News for the Minster Community*



Southwell  
Minster

**Sunday 26 April**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*(The Third Sunday after Easter)*

- 7.40am Litany** BCP *Quire*
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*  
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*  
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*  
*Rheinberger Mass in E • Psalm 23*  
*Messiaen O sacrum convivium • Dubois Toccata*
- 3.30pm Evensong** BCP *Quire (and live-streamed)*  
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*  
*Trad. Love is come again • Smith Responses*  
*Office Hymn: Aurora lucis rutilat • Psalm 29*  
*Wood in E flat (No 2) • Stanford The Lord is my shepherd*  
*Hymn 205 • Schmidt Prelude & Fugue in D 'Hallelujah!'*

## Online Orders of Service

The Orders of Service for our choral services this Sunday are now available at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/orders-of-service/> on our website. If you wish, please feel free to download this to your tablet, or other device, and bring this to the service to use instead of a printed Order of Service.

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**Flowers.** The flowers in the Minster this week have been sponsored by Roy and Jean Blackshaw in celebration of Roy's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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## INTERCESSIONS

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**We continue to pray for the Anglican communities in Moscow and Kiev, and Archbishop Hosam and the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.**

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

### **The Minster Family**

Andrew Corner, Mark Edmondson-Jones, Alistair Farrant, Helena Ibbotson, David Keene (priest), Glynn Lloyd, John Meredith, June Meredith, Susan Moses, Robert Ridgwell, Liz Rose, Malcolm Rose, Bridget Smith (priest), David Smith, Margaret Waddington

### **The Housebound and Those in Residential Care**

Audrey Banks, Joan Dunn, Jill Frost, Alan Holmes, Sue Hopkin, Joan Larke, Jean Meats, Robin Old, Pam Storey, Barbara Tittensor

### **The Family of the Church in the Diocese and Beyond**

Kathy Connor, Richard Kirton (priest), Issac Lawrence, Richard Lawrence, Lynn Raynor (priest), Peter Shaw, Margaret Tattersfield, Michael Taylor (priest), Edwin Ward, Hilary Wellington, Jill White, Fearn

### **The Recently Departed**

Jane Allen, David Green, Marie Legg, Beryl Stone

*(Please note whilst we love to mention people by their full name in our prayer lists, we do need either themselves, or a close family member, to give us permission to do so. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.)*

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

28 Sandra Kirk, Jane Warner

29 Audrey Marsden, Isobel MacDonald Ward

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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The Resurrection is sometimes best believed when we remember how certain lesser factors have recalled us to life. Not necessarily those of the doctor or priest, but music, maybe, or larks on a spring day. Or it may be a new love or friendship, or just a new book. Certainly a new or awakened sense of gratitude. Jesus was constantly saying thank you to his Father, and throughout the Gospels there runs a stream of unspoken thankfulness . . . All gratitude recalls us to life.

Ronald Blythe, *The Circling Year*, Canterbury Press, 2001, p.68

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# NOTICEBOARD

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## THIS WEEKEND

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**Celebrating the Dean's first Eucharist in Southwell, Sunday 26 April.** Join us on Sunday 26 April at 10am as we gather for a special service in the life of our community. The Dean will be celebrating his first Eucharist at the Minster and will also be preaching at this service. Following the service, everyone is warmly invited to the State Chamber for fizz, hot drinks and delicious light bites. Everyone will have the opportunity to meet the Dean and share in this moment of welcome. We will also be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Roy Blackshaw, a dear and long-standing member of the Minster community. We hope you will join us for this dual celebration!

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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As shared previously, **The Revd Canon Amanda Lees** will be continuing as Canon Missioner until the end of this year. As part of the legal formalities for this further extension of her Residentiary Canon role, she will be collated and installed during Evensong at **5.30pm on Thursday 30 April** by Dean Stephen, acting as the Bishop's Commissary. All are welcome to attend — to support and pray for Amanda in this new season of ministry.

**Friday Lunchtime Concerts, 1.30pm.** Our next Friday Lunchtime Concert will be on **Friday 1 May** which will be performed by Tessarae — a four-part ladies A Cappella group, who will present a wide range of music, sacred and secular and close harmony. Admission to our lunchtime concerts is free with a retiring collection, proceeds of which go towards the Minster's Milo Chorister Fund which helps support the Cathedral Chorister Programme. Prior to the concert, tea and coffee will be available for purchase from 1pm onwards.

**Katyn Memorial Service, Saturday 2 May, 11.00am.** The Minster is privileged to host this occasion each year on behalf of Nottinghamshire's Polish community, in memory of the nearly 22,000 victims of the Katyn massacre in April–May 1940. All are warmly invited to this service, which is led by Canon Richard together with representatives of the Polish Catholic community, including uniformed organisations, in the presence of guests including the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.

**Meet the Organs, Monday 4 May, 2pm.** A free, family-friendly event to discover the amazing organs of the Minster. Join Paul Provost and Jonathan Allsopp as they explore the pipes and pedals of the organs in the cathedral. The event lasts under an

hour, and everyone is warmly encouraged to stay around for the free bank holiday organ concert at 3.30pm. Free admission.

**Bank Holiday Organ Concert, Monday 4 May, 3.30pm.** Join us for the second of this year's bank holiday organ concerts, given by Ben Bloor, Organist of the London Oratory. His programme includes music by Coates, Whitlock and Farrington. Free admission with retiring collection (suggested donation £5).

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## THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

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**Canon Richard's final Sunday and licensing in Doncaster.** Canon Richard's final Sunday as Canon Precentor will be on Sunday 7 June, when we will keep the feast of Corpus Christi. Richard will preside and preach, and both the Cathedral Choir and the Minster Chorale will sing. Richard will be collated and inducted as Vicar of Doncaster in a service at Doncaster Minster on Monday 6 July at 7.00pm. All members of the Minster community are warmly invited to both occasions.

**Nathan Monk, our cathedral Organ Scholar,** is currently absent from work. Any matters relating to the Organ Scholar at this time should be directed to the Rector Chori, Paul Provost, at [paul.provost@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:paul.provost@southwellminster.org.uk).

**Electoral Roll 2026.** We are now in the period of the Revision of the Electoral Roll, which is from 1 April to 1 May 2026. This is not a complete renewal like last year; if you are now on the Roll you will automatically stay on it unless you ask for your name to be removed. You may join the Roll if you are baptised, aged 16 or over and resident in the Cathedral's parish, or are not resident but habitually worship at the Cathedral. Forms can be found online, in a box by the vergers' office, or obtained from Alice Snowden at [alice.snowden@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:alice.snowden@southwellminster.org.uk) or in the Minster Office.  
*Maggie Peel, Electoral Roll Officer*

**The Minster Environmental Group** have arranged a visit to the MRF (Recycling sorting centre) at Forest Town, Mansfield on Thursday 7 May at 1.30pm. If you would like to come contact Martin Burge [burgemp@hotmail.com](mailto:burgemp@hotmail.com). Please note this is a factory and the tour starts with a steep external staircase.

**The Annual Meeting** will take place in the State Chamber on **Sunday 17 May**. There will be a prompt start at 11.30am and we aim to conclude by 12.45pm if possible. On this occasion, suggestions for agenda items will not be required. We look forward to the new Dean, Stephen Evans, joining us for this important event in our church community calendar. *David Shannon, Churchwarden*

**SMCA Triathlon Fundraiser 2026.** After a few years off, two intrepid members of our wider Music Department are back with another fundraiser for our wonderful Choir Association! Becky Joyner (Chair of the Cathedral's Fabric Advisory Committee, and



programme, which climaxed in a colourful Ecumenical Pentecost in the Minster. A Prayer Room in Southwell Methodist Church will be continuously open and available from 10.00 pm on Wednesday 13 May until midnight, Saturday 23 May. Hour (or longer) slots can be booked through Diddy Wheldon: [diddy@diddywheldon.co.uk](mailto:diddy@diddywheldon.co.uk), or in person. House groups or others might want to block-book, and Minster worshippers are encouraged to fill the nights of Friday 14 May and Tuesday 19 May if they are seeking that magical time. During the mornings of Saturdays May 16 and 23 there will also be walk-in prayer opportunities at the Riverside Centre. Once again, the programme will climax in an Ecumenical Pentecost, at 9.30 am on Sunday 24 May.

**An 'Exploring Faith' Quiet Day, Saturday 23 May, 9.30am** for croissants, starting at 10am and finishing at 1pm (lunch not included). On this Pentecost weekend, Bishop Paul and Sarah Williams and Canon Amanda Lees will be hosting a special 'Exploring Faith' day at Bishop's Manor with a focus on the person and the work of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome. To book your place, please contact Hannah by email [bishopsmanor@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:bishopsmanor@southwell.anglican.org) or telephone 01636 817233.

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## MUSIC AND EVENTS

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**Motown by Candlelight, Thursday 7 May, 7.30pm.** Tickets available [here](#).

**A Night at the Opera by Candlelight, Saturday 9 May, 7.30pm.** Tickets available [here](#).

**Music in the State Chamber: 50th Anniversary Concert – Southwell Chamber Choir, Sunday 10 May, 7.30pm.** *This concert takes place in the Quire.* Southwell Chamber Choir is a group of thirty experienced singers, who first met in 2024. Under the conductorship of Jonathan Allsopp, they perform a wide range of music in Southwell and the surrounding area; recent programmes have included explorations of English folksong and Marian polyphony, as well as a programme of the music of Vaughan Williams. Tonight's programme consists of settings of the metaphysical poetry of John Donne and George Herbert, including Hubert Parry's late masterpiece, the *Songs of Farewell*. Join us after the concert for a glass of fizz to help us celebrate 50 years of Music in the State Chamber.

**Southwell Music Festival** returns this August (28–31 August), bringing four days of world-class live music to venues across the town. Highlights this year include star pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason as Artist-in-Residence, a Saturday evening Night at the Opera, and a performance of Brahms' Requiem. A free Launch Concert at the Minster on **Friday 15 May** will introduce the full programme – tickets for this can be booked now on the Festival website. Public booking for the Festival opens on Monday 18 May, but priority booking is available in advance for Festival Friends – a great way to secure tickets and to support the Festival. The Festival is also looking for local hosts to accommodate visiting musicians during the Festival. Hosts play a vital role and

receive a short priority booking window as a thank you. For more information, including booking, joining the Festival Friends, or hosting, visit [www.southwellmusicfestival.com](http://www.southwellmusicfestival.com) or email [manager@southwellmusicfestival.com](mailto:manager@southwellmusicfestival.com).

**Plant Hunters' Fair, Sunday 17 May, Palace Gardens, 11.00am–4.00pm.** A wide selection of plants for sale from nurseries throughout the country including many rare species. Refreshments available, dogs on leads welcome. For more information see the [Plant Hunters' Fair website](#). Entry: £2 suggested donation. This event is an important fundraiser for the Minster. *Please note, the gates will open at 11am and not before, so please don't arrive too early.*

**Shining a light on: Christian Roots of English Law, Sunday 17 May, 2.00pm in the State Chamber.** Christianity is the best-kept secret of English legal history. Law schools do not mention that it might have played a part in the making of the English law. Modern judges even vehemently deny the old maxim that Christianity was a part of the common law. This lecture aims to illumine how English law was not the creation of mere reason or circumstance, but how it drew from Christianity to create many of the ideas and rights from which we still benefit today. Speaker: Bijan Omrani, a writer, classicist and cultural historian. His most recent book is *God is an 'Englishman: Christianity and the Creation of England.'* Omrani trained as a barrister but also taught Classics at Eton College and Westminster School. He holds a doctorate in Classics and Ancient History. Tickets cost £7 (plus booking fee) and are available [here](#).

**Potwell Dyke Grasslands Public Walks, Wednesday 27 May (6.30–8.30pm) and Saturday 6 June (2.30–4.30pm).** The grasslands are within easy walking distance of Southwell Minster. They are mainly unimproved meadows on calcareous soil, being the last remaining remnant of the Archbishop of York's deer park. The site has been designated a Local Nature Reserve because of rich biodiversity including around 200 different species of flora, of which 5 are orchids, 44 species of birds, plus numerous butterflies and moths. Potwell Dyke Grasslands Action Group volunteer guides will take you on an informative and leisurely stroll through this very special haven. Meet at the Memorial Drive car park (adjacent to the Scout hut). Voluntary donations of £2 would be appreciated. Time: 1.5 to 2 hours, Contact Tel: 07488 337311

**Meat Loaf by Candlelight, Friday 5 June, 7.30pm.** Tickets available [here](#).

**Music in the State Chamber: Cathedral Choristers, Sunday 7 June, 7.30pm.** We are all extremely proud of our Cathedral Choristers, who as well as singing at a professional standard several times a week, also play a wide variety of instruments. Join us for our annual showcase of our young musicians, which will include choral, vocal and instrumental items.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

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Our monthly **Daily Intercessions** booklet which collates together the Minster and Diocesan prayer lists with the Anglican Cycle Prayer, can be downloaded from: <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/daily-intercessions/>.

**Supporting Newark Foodbank.** Check the website for required items — <https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> — where you can also make financial donations to the work of Newark Foodbank.

**Baby Bank Nottingham.** There is a collection box in the Cathedral Shop for items to be donated to the Baby Bank Nottingham — for more information, please click [here](#). The following items are especially needed: Moses baskets, first-size nappies, baby wipes, maternity pads, baby shampoo, adult shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels, blankets, newborn clothing. Financial donation may also be made at the Cathedral Shop till in a clearly marked envelope.

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## WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

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For a full listing of the next week's Services and Music List, please [click here](#).

**Sunday 3 May**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
*(The Fourth Sunday after Easter)*

<b>7.40am</b>	<b>Litany</b> BCP	Quire
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> BCP Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, <i>Priest Vicar</i>	Quire
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Cathedral Eucharist</b> CW Preacher: The Revd Matthew Askey, <i>Chaplain of Worksop College</i> Byrd <i>Mass for three voices</i> • Psalm 31: 1–5, 15–16 Ives <i>Ave verum corpus</i> • Saint-Saëns <i>Improvisation No 7</i>	<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> BCP Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, <i>Priest Vicar</i> Byrd <i>Haec dies à 3</i> • Turner <i>Responses</i> Office Hymn: <i>Aurora lucis rutilat</i> • Psalm 147: 1–11 Howells <i>in E</i> • Millington <i>O praise God in his holiness</i> Hymn 381 • Dubois <i>Fiat Lux</i>	<i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i>

At Southwell Minster we are committed to protecting and caring for everyone in our community, especially those who may be vulnerable.

If you have any concerns about someone's safety, please contact:

**Lucy Andrewartha, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer**

[safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org)

01636 817 200

07522 987 853

In an emergency, call **999**.

**Submission of items for inclusion in Pew News.** Anyone who wishes to submit any items to include in future editions of Pew News is from now on asked to submit these by e-mail to the address [newsletter@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@southwellminster.org.uk). Please note the deadline of 11.00am each Thursday for the weekend edition released each Friday. Thank you.

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