

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
(The Fourth Sunday after Easter)
Sunday 3 May 2026



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

sung by the Lay Clerks

Preces and Responses: Guy Turner (b. 1955)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in E*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon.

It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet, the purple Office Hymn booklet and the green New English Hymnal you will find available in the stalls. In addition, you may wish to refer to the burgundy Book of Common Prayer (for the Psalms) and the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).

ORGAN PRELUDE

La cathédrale engloutie

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea.
Alleluia.

*This is the day that the Lord hath made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.*

*Words: Psalm 118: 24
Gradual for the Octave of Easter*

Music: William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

PRECES *(see page 4 of Evensong booklet)*

The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor

OFFICE HYMN

Aurora lucis rutilat

The day draws on with golden light

(page 13 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 147 (VV. 1–11)

(page 534 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 4: 1–10

(see page 949 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

MAGNIFICAT *(see page 5 of Evensong booklet)*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21: 1–14

(see page 286 in the New Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

NUNC DIMITTIS *(see page 6 of Evensong booklet)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(see page 6 of Evensong booklet)*

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES *(see page 7 of Evensong booklet)*

including COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O Almighty God,
who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men;
Grant unto thy people,
that they may love the thing which thou commandest,
and desire that which thou dost promise;
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed,
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

O praise God in his holiness:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath:
praise the Lord.
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.

Words: Psalm 150

Music: Andrew Millington (b. 1952)

HOMILY *given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

Jerusalem the golden

(NEH 381)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fiat lux

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Next Sunday afternoon, in place of Evensong we are delighted to hold our traditional **Rogation procession** from the Minster to the Nottingham Trent University campus at Brackenhurst. Our **Rogation Service** will begin at **3.00pm** (please note, not 3.30pm). and following this we will make our way to Brackenhurst, blessing crops, horticulture, and animals as we go. All are welcome – dogs too! The walk will end with a simple afternoon tea served at Brackenhurst. *Please note that on this occasion, there will be no transport provided to or from Brackenhurst. (You are welcome to use your own car to drive to Brackenhurst if you would prefer not to process.)*

Available this weekend is our printed **Minster News** for **May**, which summarises all the information and events taking place this month – please take a copy. Alternatively, the full version of this week’s version of Pew News, covering in detail everything happening over the next week is available online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>.

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