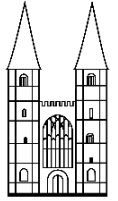


PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 3 May

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

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

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.

Flowers. The flowers in the Minster this week have been sponsored by The Revd Erika Kirk in loving memory of Nora, Eric and Ruth Kirk.

INTERCESSIONS

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, Howard George, Jean George, 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), 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, 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

- 4 Nicholas Theodore Baker, Pilar García, Steven Andrew Shaw
- 7 Nora Kirk
- 9 Andrew Phillip Gregory

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is only able to speak about the Father in the way he does because he is the Son, because of his filial communion with the Father... He sees the Father. The disciple who walks with Jesus is thus caught up with him into communion with God. And that is what redemption means: this stepping beyond the limits of human nature, which had been there as a possibility and an expectation in man, God's image and likeness, since the moment of creation.

Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury, 2007, p.7-8

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

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.

Visiting preacher this Sunday. We are delighted to welcome the Revd Matthew Askey as our preacher at the Cathedral Eucharist this Sunday (3 May). Matthew is Chaplain of Worksop College and will be familiar to many in the Minster community as our former Children's and Families' Minister, and Chaplain of the Minster School.

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).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Update on the State Chamber: a new way for visitors to experience one of the Minster's most exquisite treasures. From Tuesday 5th May, the Archbishop's Palace enters a new chapter in how its story is shared. The Palace's first floor – the magnificent State Chamber – will be open to visitors **exclusively** through pre-booked guided tours. This change allows guests to experience this remarkable space exactly as it deserves: thoughtfully, knowledgeably, and in the company of an expert guide. Steeped in centuries of history, the State Chamber is best discovered through stories, insight and context. A guided tour offers the richest way to understand its significance, uncover hidden details, and truly appreciate the atmosphere of one of our most extraordinary historic rooms. Alongside these guided experiences, the Archbishop's Palace will continue to be available for private hire. From elegant receptions to high-quality cultural and corporate events, the Palace remains a truly

distinctive and atmospheric venue – where history provides an unforgettable backdrop for special occasions. *Discover the secrets of the Archbishop's Palace with a guided tour*: visit www.southwellminster.org/tours. *Hire the State Chamber for an unforgettable event*: contact office@southwellminster.org.uk

Historic Chapter Library. On the 5th of May 1646, King Charles I spent his last few hours of freedom in Southwell. From the Library collection the new exhibition in the North Quire Aisle display cabinets includes a Chronicle written shortly after the Restoration, a transcript of the king's trial for high treason, and a print of the first known depiction of the Minster.

Christian Aid Service 2026. This year's Christian Aid Service will be held at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church on Wednesday 6 May at 7.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

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. Please note this is a factory and the tour starts with a steep external staircase.

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

Friday Lunchtime Concerts, 1.30pm. Our next Friday Lunchtime Concert will be on **Friday 8 May** which will be performed by pianist Isabella Biggs featuring the piano works by Brahms and Chopin. 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.

Beauty and Faith Conference, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 May, State Chamber. Visual Theology's third conference is a major two-part series on Beauty and Faith. This is the companion piece to Part One: *Imperfect Beauty: Visions of Fractured Faith*, which was successfully held on 24–26 October 2025 at the Salmagundi Club in New York. Part Two: Beauty and the Revival of Faith is centred on hope, renewal, and revival. We seek to recognise how Christianity has used beauty as a form of reinvigoration and transformation during times of social upheaval, a theme exemplified by the Archbishop's Palace and its role within key moments of history. We ask how Christianity has turned to visual beauty in times of crisis, as a means of spiritual, artistic, and social reinvigoration. Can a reacquaintance with philosophies of beauty become a means of renewing faith and society today? For more information and tickets, please click [here](#).

World Fair Trade Day, Saturday 9 May. Southwell Minster is proud to be recognised by the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade Church, reflecting our commitment to justice and fairness in global trade. World Fair Trade Day, led by the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), offers a chance to connect that commitment with a wider movement. Although the Fairtrade Foundation and the WFTO work differently, both seek to ensure that the people who grow and make the goods we rely on are treated fairly and can work with dignity. Their shared aim is simple: trade that puts people and planet first. Falling on the eve of Rogation Sunday, this year's World Fair Trade Day invites us to give thanks for creation while remembering those who cultivate it, often in challenging conditions. Choosing Fairtrade products or pausing to reflect on the journey of everyday goods are small but meaningful ways to support a fairer world.

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

Rogation Service, Sunday 10 May, 3.00pm. On 10 May the Minster will celebrate Rogation Sunday — a traditional service asking God's blessing on the agricultural industry, livestock and crops. This is followed by the Cathedral Choir leading the community in a walk to NTU Brackenhurst, stopping to bless the fields and cattle along the way. 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 transportation provided to return to the Minster from Brackenhurst.*

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.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

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. We will also be

saying farewell to Emma, Richard's wife, who has become a valued member of the Minster community in her own right, especially through her leadership of the Needlework Guild and Minster Kids, as well as the ongoing support she provides to Richard. We wish them both well as they prepare for their forthcoming move. If you wish to attend Richard's Collation and Induction in Doncaster and require transport, please let us know by emailing office@southwellminster.org.uk. What arrangements can be provided may depend on the numbers of people wishing to attend.

Canon Richard's leaving gift. If you would like to make a contribution to Canon Richard's leaving gift, this can be done by bank transfer as follows: Account Name: Southwell Cathedral Chapter, Sort Code: 602015, Account Number: 97118907, Reference: Canon Richard. Alternatively, contributions can be made in cash in a clearly marked envelope at the Minster Office (Monday–Friday, 9.00am–5.00pm) or to the Verger's Vestry.

Election of a Non-Executive Trustee of Chapter. We have launched the process for electing a Non-Executive Trustee by members of the Electoral Roll. Full details of the election process (which is prescribed in the Cathedral's Statutes) can be found on the website at www.southwellminster.org/chapter-and-committee-vacancies/.

People's Churchwarden forms. Nomination forms for the post of People's Churchwarden will be available from early next week at the Welcome Desk in the Minster. Completed forms should be sent to Rachel Doe, Executive PA, in the Minster Centre by Thursday 14 May, or handed to a member of the clergy at any time before the Annual Meeting on Sunday 17 May.

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 Mrs Cantoris Alto) and Jonny Allsopp (Assistant Director of Music) will be taking part in the Belvoir Castle Triathlon on Saturday 18 July, where they'll be swimming 800m, cycling 40km and running 8km. If you would like to find out more about why we're fundraising for our Choir Association, see how our training is getting on, or donate to the fundraiser, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/smca-triathlon>.

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 or telephone 01636 817233.

MUSIC AND EVENTS

Southwell Music Festival returns this 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 or email 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](#).

Bank Holiday Organ Concert, Monday 25 May, 3.30pm. Join us for the third of this year's bank holiday organ concerts, given by Imogen Morgan, Assistant Director of Music at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh. Her programme includes

Herbert Murrill's arrangement of Walton's *Crown Imperial*, Bach's *Komm, Heiliger Geist* and Widor's *Symphony No 6*. Free admission with retiring collection (suggested donation £5).

Lunchtime Concert: Chamber Choir of St George's School, Windsor, Wednesday 27 May, 1.30pm. Programme to include Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*. Free admission with retiring collection for our Milo Chorister Fund.

Half Term activities in the Palace Garden, Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 May, 10.00am–12.00pm: [Wild Wisdom Forest School](#) – a unique, gentle outdoor adventure to spark curiosity, creativity & a love of nature. Sensory creative crafting, storytelling, reflection and learning from nature. £15 per child (children must be accompanied by an adult). To book, email wildwisdomforest@outlook.com.

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

Nottingham Harmonic Choir: Vast Ocean of Light, Saturday 30 May, 7.30pm. The stunning setting of Southwell Minster is perfect for music around the theme of light, space and the natural world. The concert features music by Vierne and the remarkable Hymn to the Sun by Lili Boulanger. Selections from Holst's exotic Hymns from the Rig Veda (from Indian mythology) are contrasted with Jonathan Dove's thrilling Vast Ocean of Light and the choral version of Elgar's glorious Sea Pictures. Tickets available from the Cathedral Shop and by clicking [here](#).

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.

ABBA by Moonlight, Friday 12 June, 7pm, Palace Gardens. A brilliant night of ABBA nostalgia! This faithful tribute captures the band's iconic harmonies, style and energy in an electrifying live show. Tickets available [here](#) and at the Cathedral Shop.

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

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

Sunday 10 May

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday**

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| 7.40am | Litany BCP | Quire |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, <i>Canon Precentor</i> | Quire |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist CW
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, <i>Priest Vicar</i>
Thorne <i>Mass of St Thomas</i> • Dyson <i>Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go</i> | <i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i> |
| 11.15am | Sung Eucharist BCP
Preacher: The Revd Dr Stephen Evans, <i>Dean of Southwell</i>
Howells <i>Collegium Regale</i> • Tallis <i>If ye love me</i>
Tallis <i>O salutaris hostia</i>
Bairstow <i>Allegro giocoso</i> (from <i>Sonata in E flat</i>) | <i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i> |
| <u>3.00pm</u> | Rogation Service including the Rogation Procession to NTU Brackenhurst
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, <i>Canon Precentor</i>
Psalm 107: 1–9 • Dyson <i>Benedicite in F</i>
Tallis <i>Litany à 5</i> • Greene <i>Thou visitest the earth</i>
Hymn 381 • Dubois <i>Fiat Lux</i> | <i>Nave (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:

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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. Please note the deadline of 11.00am each Thursday for the weekend edition released each Friday. Thank you.

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