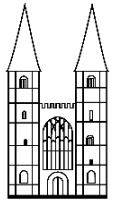


PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 10 May

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday**

- 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 Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*
Thorne Mass of St Thomas • *Dyson Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*
- 11.15am Sung Eucharist** BCP *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Howells Collegium Regale • *Tallis If ye love me*
Tallis O salutaris hostia
Bairstow Allego giocoso (from Sonata in E flat)
- 3.00pm Rogation Service including the Rogation Procession to NTU
Brackenhurst** *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*
Psalm 107: 1–9 • *Dyson Benedicite in F*
Tallis Litany à 5 • *Greene Thou visitest the earth*

Online Orders of Service

The Orders of Service for our main 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.

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, 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, Janet Davies, 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

- 11 Jeffrey John Leadley
- 12 Anne Fiona Allen, Elizabeth Harriet Fradd
- 14 Julie Drewry
- 15 Amanda Jane Cormack

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For many years I have sensed that the main blockage to Christian believing lies in our lifestyles and not in our ideas. The way we live can keep us adrift on the surface of ourselves and unable to reach deeper levels of searching. This happens within individuals. But it is also a cultural unfreedom, a shared cultural desolation. When we suffer from malnutrition in our self-images, we become incapable of imagining God. Look at faces in the streets of any city. Fragmentation and hyperactivity are the hallmarks of postmodernity.

Michael Paul Gallagher, *Dive Deeper: the human poetry of faith*, DLT, 2001, p.1

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

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 WEEK AHEAD

Cathedral Safeguarding Training. All safeguarding courses can be accessed online [here](#). The following in-person training will be taking place in the Minster Centre and can be booked via Vicky Thorpe:

Tuesday 12 May **1.00–3.00pm** **Basic Level Training**

The following dates are available for in-person Domestic Abuse Awareness training in Jubilee House and can be booked via the [Diocesan Safeguarding Hub](#):

Tuesday 16 June 1.00–4.00pm

Thursday 5 November 1.00–4.00pm

Anyone who has completed training MUST inform Matthew Spillett and Vicky Thorpe: (matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk / vicky.thorpe@southwellminster.org.uk). If you have any questions or require any help or advice, please do contact the Safeguarding Team — we are here to help!

Next Thursday (14 May) is Ascension Day. The choir will be singing a short service from the Cathedral tower at 8.00am — all are welcome to join them from ground level! There will then be a said Eucharist (BCP) with hymns at 12.15pm, an organ meditation performance of Olivier Messiaen's *L'Ascension* at 1.30pm, a festal Evensong at 5.30pm, and a Sung Eucharist, sung by the Minster Chorale, at 7.30pm. Please join us in marking this major festival during our observance of Eastertide.

A Million Acts of Hope — Fairtrade Invitation. Fairtrade is joining A Million Acts of Hope, a celebration of everyday kindness. From 13–20 May, the focus turns to the hope makers within our Fairtrade community, including Southwell Minster and the wider town. This year people are invited to take part in a simple act with real impact: donating one Fairtrade item to our local food bank. *Please note that fresh produce, homemade, or opened items cannot be accepted.* A Million Acts of Hope honours those who keep our communities going — the helpers, the doers, and the people who show that we are stronger when we pull together. At a time when hope can feel quiet, these small acts matter. Thank you to all who continue to roll up their sleeves and make a difference.

Thy Kingdom Come. Churches Together in Southwell are once again arranging twenty-four-hour prayer between Ascension Day (14 May) and Pentecost Sunday (24 May). A Prayer Room in Southwell Methodist Church will be continuously open, and hour (or longer) slots can be booked through Diddy Wheldon: diddy@diddywheldon.co.uk. If you've not yet had a chance to book a slot, either individually or as a group, please do consider doing so. If this is something new for you, please don't worry about how to direct your time or how best to pray — there are different resources around the Prayer Room to help. In addition, if you can't join with praying in person, please do pray remotely from wherever you are and whenever you can over these days. To support

you, the following guidance and resources might help (available [here](#)). Minster worshippers are encouraged to fill the nights of Friday 15 May and Tuesday 19 May. This time of prayer will climax in an ecumenical Pentecost Praise service in the Minster, at 9.30 am on Sunday 24 May.

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.

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.

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*

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, 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.' He holds a doctorate in Classics and Ancient History. Tickets (£7 plus booking fee) are available [here](#).

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/. Hard copies of the information pack may be obtained from the Vergers' Vestry.

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>.

Minster Book Group. The May meeting of the group will be on **Friday 29 May at 3.00pm** at the home of one of our members, details to be circulated nearer the time. The book for discussion is *God is an Englishman: Christianity and the Creation of England* by Bijan Omrani. The author, classicist and cultural historian, will be delivering a lecture on 'the part Christianity may have played in the making of English law' at 2.00 pm on Sunday 17 May as part of the Minster series *Shining a light on*. New members are warmly welcomed. Please contact chris.kent100@btinternet.com if you would like to try us out. *Penny Young 01636 814506*

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.

Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in the Minster, possibly to commemorate a loved one or to mark a significant life event, please email matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk to check available dates and for a copy of the booking form. The recommended donation is £40–£50.

Coffee rota volunteers needed. The Sunday morning coffee rota has recently lost several members, who have stepped down after years of dedicated service. There is currently a danger of the rota becoming unviable, which would have a real impact on our Sunday morning ministry of hospitality — both for regular members of the congregation and for visitors. If you are able to help, please speak to one of the clergy or to Leisa Shaw. Many hands make light work! *Canon Richard*

SERVICES AND FAITH

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 or telephone 01636 817233.

Sung Eucharist for Pentecost. Please note that there will be an additional BCP Sung Eucharist in May, on the Day of Pentecost (24 May), following the Pentecost Praise service. This service will be sung by the Minster Chorale, and the Dean will preach.

MUSIC AND EVENTS

Friday Lunchtime Concerts, 1.30pm. Our next Friday Lunchtime Concert will be on **Friday 22 May**. This concert will be given by Levi Andreassen who is a young American professional Double Bass player, who will be performing music by Schubert, Schumann and Brahms, with pianist Aleessio Enea. On **Friday 29 May** the concert will be performed by Maryland Clarinet Choir. Both these concerts are free admission with retiring collection for the Milo Chorister Fund. Tea and coffee available to purchase prior to the concert from 1pm.

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 17 May

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension Day**

- 7.40am** **Litany** BCP *Quire*
- 8.00am** **Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, *Canon Missioner*
- 10.00am** **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Chilcott A Little Jazz Mass • Psalm 68: 1–10
Langlais Ave verum • *Langlais Final (from Triptyque)*
- 3.30pm** **Evensong** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
Praetorius The Lord ascendeth • *Noon Responses*
Office Hymn: Aeterne Rex altissime • Psalm 47
Boyle in D minor • *Leighton God is ascended*
Hymn 134 • *Widor Allegro vivace (from Symphony No 5)*

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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