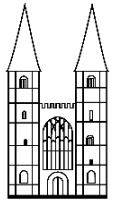


# PEW NEWS

*Weekly News for the Minster Community*



Southwell  
Minster

**Sunday 24 May**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**(Whit Sunday)**

- 7.40am**     **Litany**    BCP     *Quire*
- 8.00am**     **Holy Communion**    BCP     *Quire*  
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
- 9.30am**     **Pentecost Praise** (*Joint Service of Churches Together in Southwell*)  
*Nave (and live-streamed)*  
Preacher: The Revd Jon Morley, *Vicar of Holy Trinity, Southwell*
- 11.15am**    **Sung Eucharist**    BCP     *Quire (and live-streamed)*  
*sung by the Minster Chorale*  
Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*  
Darke in E • Gibbons *Come, Holy Ghost*  
Harris *Come down, O love divine*  
Bach *Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*, BWV 651
- 3.30pm**     **Festal Evensong and Procession**    BCP     *Quire (and live-streamed)*  
*sung by the Minster Chorale*  
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, *Canon Missioner*  
Gibbons *Come, Holy Ghost* • Joyner *Responses*  
Office Hymn: *Beati nobis gaudia* • Psalms 67 & 133  
Antiphon: *Hodie complete sunt* • Wood in D  
Elgar *The Spirit of the Lord* • Hymns 141 & 142 (t. 205)  
Bach *Prelude in C minor*, BWV 546i

## **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.

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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, 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, Peter Kirk, 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**

- 25 George Dawson
- 26 Iris Garratt, John Wallace Pogson
- 28 David Wallace

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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In the activity of the Spirit the renewal of life, the obedience and the new fellowship of men and women is experienced. The marks of the experience of the Spirit are boundless freedom, exuberant joy and inexhaustible love. In the Spirit the 'new song' is sung. The experience of the Spirit does not separate those affected by it from 'the rest of the world'. On the contrary, their experience brings them into open solidarity with it. For what they experience is the beginning of the world's future.

Jurgen Moltmann, *The Trinity & the Kingdom of God*, SCM, 1981, p.124-5

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# NOTICEBOARD

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## THIS WEEKEND

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**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.

**Pentecost Praise service, this Sunday at 9.30am.** As a culmination of Churches Together in Southwell's ten-day vigil of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, this Sunday there will be an ecumenical Pentecost Praise service in the Nave at 9.30am, with contributions from all the town's churches. The Revd Jon Morley, the Vicar of Holy Trinity, will preach. Following the service, there will be drinks in the Walled Garden.

**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 Precentor will preach.

**Bank Holiday Organ Concert change of performer, Monday 25 May, 3.30pm.** Unfortunately, Imogen Morgan is indisposed and unable to join us for Monday's bank holiday concert. We are hugely grateful to Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, for stepping in at short notice. His programme will include music by Bach, Franck and Vierne. Free admission with retiring collection (suggested donation £5).

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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The Cathedral Choir commenced their half-term break following Evensong on Tuesday 19 May. Services on **Sunday 24 May** will be sung by the Minster Chorale, and **Evensong** will be sung on **Wednesday 27 May** (by the Chamber Choir of St George's School, Windsor) and on **Friday 29 May** (by the Girls Choir of St Catharine's College, Cambridge). All other services until Monday 1 June will be either congregational or said.

**Half Term activities in the Palace Garden, Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 May, 10.00am–12.00pm:** [Wild Wisdom Forest School](http://www.wildwisdomforest.com) – 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](mailto:wildwisdomforest@outlook.com).

**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.

**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

**Friday Lunchtime Concerts, 1.30pm.** Our next Friday Lunchtime Concert will be on **Friday 29 May** which will be performed by Maryland Clarinet Choir, which is a premier ensemble comprised of sixteen talented clarinetists from the University of Maryland, USA, In this concert the music they will perform will include works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Mozart, Grainger, MacDowell, John Williams and Tchaikovsky. Free admission with retiring collection for our Milo Chorister Fund. Tea and coffee available to purchase prior to the concert from 1.30pm onwards.

**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. New members are warmly welcomed. Please contact [chris.kent100@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.kent100@btinternet.com) if you would like to try us out. Penny Young 01636 814506

**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](#).

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## ANNUAL MEETING

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**Notes from the Annual Meeting held on Sunday 17 May.** The meeting was chaired by David Shannon, Dean's Warden. Dean Stephen Evans explained that in a cathedral decisions are made by Chapter, but this forum is empowered to speak and to comment, and he was very pleased that people came to the meeting.

From the date of the meeting, David Shannon became Senior Warden and Martin Burge the other Dean's Warden. Penny Rainbow and Valerie Littledyke were elected the two People's Wardens, and Kathy Johnson and Christine Homer continue as Deputy Wardens. Maggie Peel becomes Churchwarden Emerita.

Maggie, as Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there are 252 names on the revised electoral roll for 2026. This follows a complete renewal of the roll in 2025, when there were 236.

Stephen Littlewood, the congregational member of Chapter (there is also a vacancy), reported on Chapter matters. He explained that the Cathedrals Measure of 2021 dictates issues of governance, finance and property and the roles of Chapter and residentiary clergy. Additional legislation in 2022 allowed the continuance of committees, and cathedrals must be mindful of the need to balance the ecclesiastic and charitable functions now that they come under the auspices of the Charity Commission. Issues that the Cathedral Chapter has been considering are safeguarding, finance, the Master Plan and policy reviews.

Robert Ridgwell was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative, and Jamie Bostock gave his report. Deanery Synod meetings give opportunity to gather, support each other, share good news and pray for challenges happening in deanery churches. Issues discussed include safeguarding and parish share (which cathedrals do not pay). In 2025 the deanery contributed £613,915, an increase of £71,822 on the previous year. During the year visiting speakers made presentations about developing leaders, enabling commitment and church growth.

David Walker was welcomed as the new Chief Finance Officer. He presented a summary of the late 2024 accounts, and explained that the appointment of new auditors and considerable staff turnover had resulted in the 2024 audit deadline being missed. However, the 2024 accounts are now available on the Minster website. The 2025 accounts are currently with the auditors, and David gave a summary of those accounts and a forecast for 2026.

Dean Stephen then spoke. He thanked everyone for the warm welcome offered to him and Diana. He paid tribute to Neil Evans, who exercised a holding and healing ministry during his interim tenure. Dean Stephen thanked Canons Richard and

Amanda for their sustained ministry and is aware that they have been under considerable pressure because of gaps in clergy and general staffing.

Dean Stephen wondered whether Southwell Minster is the busiest parish church in England; the place is in continual motion, in the cathedral, the business space and the gardens. Chapter is looking at whether we are doing too much, whether events are actually making money, and how to maximize income. Dean Stephen will make an interim appointment to Canon Precentor after Canon Richard leaves, and work will also begin on 4 Vicars Court from July for 7-8 months, after which a new appointment will be made early in 2027. There is also a capacity issue because Canon Amanda is part-time. Dean Stephen paid tribute to Erika Kirk, who has filled this huge gap. He intends to make a half-time appointment to a post of priest/pastor soon. We have been very fortunate in the addition of Philip Morris and David Walker to the staff team.

Dean Stephen thanked Lucy Andrewartha and Canon Amanda for their work on improving the Safeguarding offer. There is disappointment that the INEQE report still has not been received.

It is hoped to launch a stewardship campaign in the autumn, and he encouraged people to become members of different committees, and particularly to stand for the Chapter vacancy.

Dean Stephen addressed further financial matters additional to David Walker's presentation. In summary, the intention is to break even after three financial years.

Dean Stephen is very grateful to the Friends and other groups who support the Minster financially. He is producing a vision and strategy document that will set out what we want to do as God's people at this time and in this place. He would like everyone to have an input into the document, which will cover worship, music and everything we do.

Many elements of the Minster's future and its financial stability are heavily dependent on the outcomes of the Master Plan. There will be a meeting in June to share the Master Plan, which is currently with Chapter. Dean Stephen emphasised that we should trust God to help us make things better, and he himself was positive about what we could do together.

*The financial matters discussed by David Walker and Dean Stephen will be circulated separately.*

*Maggie Peel*

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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. 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](mailto: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/](http://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>.

**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](mailto: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*

**Cathedral Safeguarding Training.** All safeguarding courses can be accessed online [here](#). 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](mailto:matthew.spillett@southwellminster.org.uk) / [vicky.thorpe@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto: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!

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## MUSIC AND EVENTS

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**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.

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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 31 May

### TRINITY SUNDAY

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| 7.40am  | <b>Litany</b> BCP  | Quire |
| 8.00am  | <b>Holy Communion</b> BCP<br>Preacher: The Revd Dr Richard Frith, <i>Canon Precentor</i>   | Quire |
| 10.00am | <b>Cathedral Eucharist with Holy Baptism</b> <i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i><br>Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i><br>Thorne Mass of St Thomas • Bach Fugue in E flat, BWV 552II |       |
| 3.30pm  | <b>Evening Prayer with Hymns</b> BCP<br>Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, <i>Priest Vicar</i><br>Psalms 93 & 150 • Hymns 144 (t. 210) & 343<br>Bach <i>Vivace</i> (from <i>Sonata No 2 in C minor</i> ), BWV 526  | Quire |

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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