



Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



*A Service celebrating our Communities
and the Official Birthday of*
HIS MAJESTY THE KING

Sunday 14 June 2026
11.15am

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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Clergy at this Service

This service is led by the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*.

The preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

During this service a collection will be taken, net proceeds of which will be shared between the Minster and High Sheriff's two chosen charities, Nottingham Street Aid and Take 1 Studios.

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel for one week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.



Foreword
by the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire,
Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC

It is wonderful that we are able to come together to mark and celebrate His Majesty The King's Official Birthday, and to bring together people from across our many communities. Recognising the work and achievements of so many organisations and individuals throughout our county and city is both an honour and a privilege. I am so proud that a number of charitable organisations have this year been recognised by His Majesty The King and awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Now more than ever, it is important that we cherish the strength and support provided by our neighbours, friends, and families. Building stronger, safer, and more connected communities has never been more vital than it is today. I hope that this annual service continues to provide reassurance that our communities are stronger than we sometimes realise, and that, time and again, they step forward to support those most in need.

This year, we have had the opportunity to reflect on the life and legacy of the late Queen Elizabeth II through the launch of the Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial Initiative. This allows us all to remember and celebrate her extraordinary impact, not only here in the United Kingdom but throughout the Commonwealth and across the world.

Also, The King's Trust, formerly The Prince's Trust this year marks its 50th anniversary. For five decades, the organisation has supported and inspired young people, helping them to build confidence, develop skills, and realise their potential.

There is much to celebrate in our communities here in Nottinghamshire, and much to be proud of. Through service, kindness, and a shared commitment to one another, we continue to strengthen the places we call home.

Thank you.

The Office of High Sheriff

The Office of High Sheriff is at least 1,000 years old and is the oldest continuous secular office under the Crown. Originally the office held many of the powers now vested in Lord-Lieutenants, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Local Authorities, Coroners and the Inland Revenue. The High Sheriff remains the Sovereign's representative in the county for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

High Sheriffs are responsible for duties conferred by the Crown through warrant from the Privy Council, including attendance at royal visits, ensuring the protection and well-being of High Court Judges on circuit, executing High Court writs and orders, acting as Returning Officer for parliamentary elections in county constituencies, proclaiming the accession of a new Sovereign and maintaining the loyalty of subjects to the Crown. In practice, some of these responsibilities are delegated to the professional services.

There is a nomination ceremony for all counties on 12 November each year in the Royal Courts of Justice when three names are put forward for the office of High Sheriff in each county. Subsequently the selection of a new High Sheriff is made by the Sovereign at a meeting of the Privy Council when by ancient custom the appointed name is 'pricked' with a bodkin.

The office is non-political, which enables the holder to bring together a wide variety of individuals and office-holders for the good of the community served by the High Sheriff. High Sheriffs are now also encouraged to undertake duties to help voluntary and statutory bodies engaged in the maintenance and extension of law and order.

*The High Sheriff's chosen charities for his year in office are
Nottingham Street Aid and Take 1 Studios*



Nottingham Street Aid is a local initiative providing a safe and practical way for people to help those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness. Donations are used to fund specific items or support that can make an immediate difference to someone's life.

Working alongside existing local charities and organisations already supporting people in the homelessness sector, Nottingham Street Aid helps provide practical support that removes barriers, restores dignity, and helps people move towards a more stable future. This can include essential clothing, travel, identification documents, household items, training, or other support tailored to individual needs.

Nottingham Street Aid turns public generosity into practical help for people who need it most.



Founded in Nottingham, **Take 1 Studios** is a community-focused charity dedicated to improving the lives of young people and local communities through creativity, education and opportunity. For over 25 years, Take 1 has delivered impactful projects in music, media, dance and youth development, creating safe and inspiring spaces where young people can grow in confidence, develop skills and access positive pathways for the future. Its projects include mentoring programmes, community events, creative workshops, and film and music initiatives, alongside the growing Take 1 Dance Academy, which provides professional dance training, performance opportunities and a supportive environment for self-expression and wellbeing.

As part of its wider mission, Take 1 also operates an independent school for young people who have become disengaged from mainstream education, helping them reconnect with learning through tailored academic and creative support. Through compassion, innovation and strong community partnerships, Take 1 continues to transform lives across Nottingham.

Judicial and Military Procession

A Verger

The Undersheriff of Nottinghamshire

Lt Col K Spiers

The Chief Constable

The Chief Fire Officer

Deputy Bench Chair for Nottinghamshire

HM Coroner for Nottingham

Her Honour Judge Henry

His Honour Judge Egbuna

Her Honour Judge Dempster

His Honour Judge Auty

His Honour Stuart Rafferty

Her Honour Nirmal Shant

Her Honour Judge Coe

The High Sheriff's Chaplain

The High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire

The High Sheriff's Cadets

The Hon Mr Justice Hildyard

The Standard Bearer

The Head Verger

The Servers

The Priest Pastor

The Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire

The Dean

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

The Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 11.10am, please remain seated at the entry of the Cathedral Choir.

At 11.15am, please stand as the Judicial and Military Procession, with the High Sheriff and Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, enters the Cathedral through the west doors and all are escorted to their seats.

THE PREPARATION

ANTHEM sung by the choir during the Procession

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
 Govern them and lift them up for ever.
 Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy Name
 Ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

Words: *Book of Common Prayer*

Music: *TE DEUM in C*
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

HYMN



1. O praise ye the Lord!
 Praise him in the height;
 Rejoice in his word,
 Ye angels of light;
 Ye heavens adore him
 By whom ye were made,
 And worship before him,
 In brightness arrayed.

2. O praise ye the Lord!
 Praise him upon earth,
 In tuneful accord,
 Ye sons of new birth;
 Praise him who has brought you
 His grace from above,
 Praise him who has taught you
 To sing of his love.

3. O praise ye the Lord!
 All things that give sound;
 Each jubilant chord,
 Re-echo around;
 Loud organs, his glory
 Forth tell in deep tone,
 And, sweet harp, the story
 Of what he has done.

4. O praise ye the Lord!
 Thanksgiving and song
 To him be outpoured
 All ages along:
 For love in creation,
 For heaven restored,
 For grace of salvation,
 O praise ye the Lord! Amen, amen.

Words: *Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)*

Tune: *LAUDATE DOMINUM NEH 427*
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Please sit

THE BIDDING

The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell welcomes the congregation and says:

Dean O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Dean Let your ways be known upon earth,
All **your saving power among the nations.**

Dean We come together as the people of Nottinghamshire in this Cathedral church to mark the birthday of Charles our King, and to celebrate the diverse and vibrant communities that make up our County.

We are honoured to be joined by the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering, His Majesty's representative in the County; by our High Sheriff, Merleta Bryan MBE; and by distinguished guests including representatives of the High Sheriff's two chosen charities for the year, Nottingham Street Aid and Take 1 Studios. Working respectively with those experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, and with young people, these two organisations remind us together of the great challenges facing many in our city, towns, and villages, but especially the young and the marginalised. We gather today to hear about and be inspired by their work; to celebrate all that is good in our life and culture; and to recommit ourselves to the work of bringing hope to our communities through service of God and our neighbour.

CONFESSION

But first, in the presence of our loving Heavenly Father, let us call to mind those times when we have preferred our own good to the good of our neighbour, and let us acknowledge our sins before God, in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Music: from MASS FOR FOUR VOICES
William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)*

ABSOLUTION

Bishop The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN

Dean Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AN INTRODUCTION *to the work of Take 1 Studios, given by Naomi Fearon*

MUSIC *sung by Sing it Bold Community Gospel Choir*

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)

O Happy Day

Edwin Hawkins (1943-2018)

AN INTRODUCTION *to the work of Street Aid Nottingham by Thandi Barratt*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27: 1–8, 13–14

read by Merleta Bryan MBE, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire

A reading from the Twenty-Seventh Psalm.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Please stand

HYMN



Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)
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Tune: FAITHFULNESS HOAN 238
William Marion Runyan (1870-1957)

Please sit

*read by Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC,
The Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Here ends the New Testament reading.

SERMON given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams

ANTHEM sung by the choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with
a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with
praise:

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 100

*Music: JUBILATE IN C
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the High Sheriff's Chaplain,
Bishop Lincoln Davis*

The following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

ACT OF DEDICATION

Dean As we give thanks for His Majesty's service to us all, let us dedicate our own lives once again to the love and service of God and our neighbour:

All **Lord of our lives and Father of all,
grant that our thanksgiving
may prove itself in service
to you and to our King, our country and one another,
for your Name's sake.
Amen.**

HYMN *during which a collection is taken, net proceeds of which will be shared between the Minster and the High Sheriff's two chosen charities*



**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

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*Tune: LORD OF THE YEARS A&M 715
Michael Baughen (b. 1930)*

THE CONCLUSION

BLESSING *given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham*

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

*Tune: NATIONAL ANTHEM NEH 489
English traditional arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat, BWV 552ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

His Majesty's Judges and Representatives of the Armed Forces recess, followed by the Cathedral Choir, after which the Civic Dignitaries, assisted by the Church Wardens, make their way to the Crossing, where refreshments are served. There, the High Sheriff will propose the Loyal Toast to HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

The congregation is invited to stay for refreshments in the Crossing after the service.

Order of Recession

The Head Verger
The Servers
The Dean The Lord-Lieutenant
The Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets
The High Sheriff's Cadets
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham The Vice Lord-Lieutenant
The Priest Pastor The Honourable Mr Justice Hildyard
The High Sheriff's Chaplain The High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire
The Undersheriff of Nottinghamshire The High Sheriff's Consort

A Verger
The Cathedral Choir
The Rector Chori

Please take this order of service away with you.

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