

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 27 September

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 7.40am | Litany BCP | Quire |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, <i>Canon Missioner</i> | Quire |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist CW
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, <i>Canon Missioner</i>
Byrd <i>Mass for four voices</i> • Psalm 25: 1–8
Tallis <i>O sacrum convivium</i> • Karg-Elert <i>Nun danket alle Gott</i> | <i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i> |
| 3.30pm | Animal Blessing Service
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i>
Carter <i>O ye badgers and hedgehogs</i>
Rutter <i>For the beauty of the earth</i>
Ogden <i>Penguins' Playtime</i> | <i>Nave</i> |

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, Alistair Farrant, Helena Ibbotson, David Keene (priest), Glynn Lloyd, John Meredith, June Meredith, Victoria Meredith, Liz Rose, Malcolm Rose, Bridget Smith (priest), Margaret Waddington

The Housebound and Those in Residential Care

Audrey Banks, Margaret Beddoe, Gill Duffy, Martin Duffy, Joan Dunn, Jill Frost, Alan Holmes, Joan Larke, Jean Meats, Robin Old, David Smith, Pam Storey, Barbara Tittensor

The Family of the Church in the Diocese and Beyond

Kathy Connor, Richard Kirton (priest), Richard Lawrence, Lynn Raynor (priest), Margaret Tattersfield, Michael Taylor (priest), Edwin Ward, Hilary Wellington, Jill White, Fearn

The Recently Departed

Sylvia Anne Astbury, Mark Edmondson-Jones, Sue Hopkin, Geoffrey Maltby (priest), Jose Smith

(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

29 Peter Moyses

1 Peter Harold Wood

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Farming cannot take place except in nature; therefore, if nature does not thrive, farming cannot thrive. But we know that nature includes us. It is not a place into which we reach from some safe standpoint outside it. If it does not thrive, we cannot thrive. Natural measures are concerned [along with productivity] for the health of all the creatures belonging to a given place — in the soil and water, on the land, and in the air — and for a conscious and careful recognition of the interdependence between ourselves and nature.

Wendell Berry, *The World-Ending Fire*, Penguin, 2018, p.62–3

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

Southwell Baptist Church are hosting another of their popular Women's Breakfast meetings on Saturday 26 September at 9.00am, this time with the theme 'The Choices We Make'. All are welcome to attend and it's the perfect event to bring non-Christian friends along to. There is no fee — donations towards food are accepted but not expected — and it's a great chance to catch up with the women from all of the church fellowships. Just let Sue Mullis know if you plan to attend via text or call to 07958 793658 so that we can ensure everyone is catered for.

Animal Blessing Service. This Sunday in place of Evensong, we have our annual Animal Blessing Service at 3.30pm. Bring along your furry, feathered, and scaly companions to this much-loved service. All creatures great and small are welcome, together with their humans.

THE WEEK AHEAD

This week, in addition to our normal weekday **Evensong** services sung by the Cathedral Choir, this **Wednesday** a visiting choir from Stamford School will be singing Evensong at 5.30pm.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mark Edmondson-Jones will take place at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Preston (Church Lane, Preston, Oakham LE15 9NG) at 12.30pm on Wednesday 30 September, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. A private internment will take place beforehand. All are welcome to attend. Please wear whatever you are comfortable wearing — no need to wear black.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs until Sunday 4 October. As a Fairtrade Church, Southwell Minster is proud to support this national campaign, which this year falls under the banner "Do It Fair". The theme highlights three core principles: People, Pay, and Planet — reminding us that fair pay, dignity for producers, and care for creation are inseparable parts of just and sustainable trade. Throughout the fortnight, the Minster will feature Fairtrade displays and materials, encouraging all members of the congregation and wider community to reflect on how everyday choices can support farmers and workers worldwide. Your engagement and support are warmly encouraged as we mark this important annual commitment.

The Music of Ed Sheeran by Candlelight, Thursday 1 October, 7.30pm. Tickets available [here](#).

The next **Friday Lunchtime Concert** will be held on **Friday 2 October at 1.30pm** which will be jazz music performed by the Brian Humpherson Quartet. Free admission with retiring collection towards the Milo Chorister Fund. Tea and coffee available to purchase from the South Transept prior to the concert from 1pm.

St Francis Services. Marking the 800th anniversary since the death of St Francis of Assisi, our services on Saturday 3 October will celebrate a great saint who preached to the birds and loved the animals.

Harvest Festival, Sunday 4 October. At the 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist we will be giving thanks for the food we share and those who grow and produce it. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for Newark Foodbank. It would also be wonderful if those who are able would bring something that they themselves have grown this year for blessing. At Evensong (3.30pm) there will be music, prayer and thanksgiving for our farming community. We will pray with and for those who work on the land, recognising the challenges they face and standing with them in gratitude and solidarity, followed by refreshments. Our speaker at Evensong will be The Rt Hon. Sir Mark Spencer, until recently the MP for Sherwood, and also the Minister of State for Food, Farming and Fisheries in the previous government.

Our **Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch** will take place on Sunday 4 October. You are invited to join us for a Ploughman's lunch in the Crossing starting at 12 noon. Tickets costing £5.00 are available from the Cathedral Shop or by clicking [here](#). Please remember to tell us about any dietary requirements.

Creation Trail. Throughout the Season of Creation, children can follow a special Creation-themed trail around the Minster, uncovering fascinating details along the way. Trail sheets are available from the Stewards. Suggested donation £2.00.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

Angela Walters will be retiring from her position of Accounts Officer in the Finance Office on Thursday 15 October after 25 years working at the Minster. If you would like to contribute to Angela's leaving gifts, please submit cash in a clearly marked envelope at the Minster Office (Monday–Friday, 9.00am–5.00pm) or to the Verger's Vestry. Alternatively, you may do so by bank transfer as follows: Account Name: **Cathedral & Church**, Account number: **36137200**, Sort Code: **60-20-15**, Reference: **Angela Leaving gift**. We wish Angela well in her well-earned retirement.

The Next Meeting of the Dean's Forum. The next Forum will be chaired by the Dean. Please note the date/time in your diaries NOW! **Tuesday 13 October at 6.30pm in the State Chamber.** Attendees are most welcome to attend Evensong at 5.30pm. This meeting will include important news on the Cathedral pattern of worship, estate updates and indications as to financial obligations. Please attend!

Pastoral Support for the Minster Community. We can offer visits to a person's home or residential setting. This might be for prayer or to share Holy Communion. These visits are carried out by our Parish Visiting Team, made up of both lay and ordained members. If you know someone who would welcome a visit, please contact the Minster Office. We do ask that you gain their permission before sharing their details with us. We also have to take into account how far they live from the Minster. If someone needs a hospital visit, please contact the hospital chaplain first (ward staff can assist). They will then liaise with us if needed — office@southwellminster.org.uk / Tel: 01636 812649

Coffee rota volunteers needed. The Sunday morning coffee rota has recently lost several members, who have stepped down after years of dedicated service. If you are able to help, please speak to one of the clergy or to Leisa Shaw. Many hands make light work!

Live Streaming volunteers needed. The live-streaming of our main Sunday services is undertaken by a small group of volunteers, and we could really do with another couple of people to join the rota. Whilst basic familiarity with computer technology will be required, training will be provided on the specifics of operating the cameras. Please contact Alastair Clarke (Liturgy and Worship Administrator) if you would like to discuss this responsibility further – e-mail alastair.clarke@southwellminster.org.uk

Eco Hint for September: Confused about how you can improve your home to make it more energy efficient? The Nottingham Energy Partnership is a not-for-profit charitable company set up to provide advice and surveys to homeowners seeking cost-effective solutions. For further information see www.nottenergy.com.

Southwell Minster Environmental Action Group

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.

Cathedral Safeguarding Training. All safeguarding courses can be accessed online [here](#). The following in-person training may now be booked with Vicky Thorpe:

Wednesday 14 October — Basic Awareness, AV Room, Minster Centre, 1.30pm

Friday 6 November — Safeguarding Foundations, AV Room, Minster Centre, 10.00am

Wednesday 2 December — Basic Awareness, AV Room, Minster Centre, 10.00am

The following in-person Domestic Abuse Awareness training in Jubilee House can be booked via the [Diocesan Safeguarding Hub](#): **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!

SERVICES AND FAITH

Churches Together in Southwell 24 Hour Prayer Event. Friday 20 November, 7.00pm. A time of worship and prayer for all, followed by 24 hours of prayer in the Prayer Room of the Methodist church. All are invited to join with this time of intentional prayer as seven churches come together as Southwell prepares for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

MUSIC AND EVENTS

Small Sounds: make some music with your little ones! This autumn, Southwell Minster has launched **Small Sounds**, a new music programme giving families with children aged 0–5 the chance to enjoy weekly music sessions during term time. In the South Transept of the Minster, our brilliant Small Sounds leader, Lauren, will lead little ones and their grown-ups through songs, play and musical discovery — helping them find their voices and discover the joy of singing. We're delighted to have been selected by **Cathedral Music Trust** to take part in this UK-wide project, developed in response to the need for more early-years music-making opportunities. Sessions are offered for a suggested donation of £5.00 per family. For more information, email lauren.osmond@southwellminster.org.uk.

Southwell Music Festival. After a successful August Festival, Southwell Music Festival returns with even more music to enjoy. On **Friday 9 October** the Festival's 2026 Vocal Apprentices come together to perform in the first of a new series of concerts in the State Chamber — The Palace Sessions. The Vocal Apprentices will present a programme of solo and ensemble vocal music, joined at the piano by Paul Provost, in the glorious surroundings of Southwell Minster's State Chamber — Nottinghamshire's premier chamber music venue. With only 100 seats in this intimate venue, do not delay in getting your tickets while you still can! Follow the journey of these excellent young musicians and come and hear the stars of the future. Book your tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.com/southwell-music-festival/the-palace-sessions/e-bpvjyj>. Plus, tickets are now on sale for Southwell Music Festival's A Christmas Celebration, taking place in the Minster on **Saturday 12 December**. This is always a popular event, so early booking is recommended: Book your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.com/southwell-music-festival/a-christmas-celebration/e-yreday>

London Concertante present *A Night at the Opera*, Saturday 10 October, 7.30pm. Tickets available [here](#).

Music in the State Chamber: The Music of Gilbert & Sullivan, Sunday 11 October, 7.30pm. After the success of last year's concert of music from the musicals of Stephen Sondheim, members of the Music Department and friends return with a concert devoted to the comic operas of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. From the high seas of *H.M.S. Pinafore* to the fairy realms of *Iolanthe*, our performers present a programme of some of the creative partnership's best-known numbers.

Silent Film Concert: The Phantom of the Opera, Wednesday 14 October, 7.30pm. Join us for a screening of the 1929 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera*, starring Lon Chaney, alongside live organ accompaniment on our Binns Nave Organ. Renowned organist Martin Baker returns to improvise a live soundtrack to this famous film. Martin was Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral for almost twenty years and is internationally acclaimed for his liturgical and concert improvisations. He last performed in Southwell five years ago, and we are thrilled to welcome him back. Tickets available [here](#).

de Mowbray's Musicke — Musicians Strike Up! Medieval Music, Stories and Songs, Saturday 17 October, State Chamber, 2.00pm. Learn about Sir Geoffrey Luttrell whose life spanned the 13th and 14th centuries. He commissioned a beautiful book of prayers and the psalms, the Luttrell Psalter, described as 'England's most significant medieval manuscript'. On most of its over 600 pages there are scenes of medieval life, beautifully illustrated in the margins. The psalter's significance to musicians is that the book contains images of seventeen different musical instruments, and in this concert you will see and hear all of those different instruments. During the interval you will be able to see the group's own folio copy of the psalter as well as see their instruments close up. Tickets available [here](#).

Lecture: Christianity and the Common Good, Sunday 18 October, 4.45–5.45pm. An afternoon lecture in the Minster exploring the concept of the Common Good at a time when it is widely felt that institutions are losing their purpose and integrity. In this lecture, speaker Jenny Sinclair (founder and director of [Together for the Common Good](#)) will draw upon the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching to argue for the importance of this concept of the Common Good at a time when institutions are losing their purpose and integrity and demonstrate why it matters both for Christians and non-Christians alike. Tickets cost £7.00 plus booking fee and are available [here](#). All funds raised go towards the Minster's Learning and Education work.

Bramley Apple Festival of Food and Drink, Saturday 24 October, 10.00am–3.30pm. Southwell's best loved food and drink fair returns! Dozens of stallholders offering all manner of food and drink including pies, chocolates, jams, chutneys, pickles, sausages and much more. £3.00 suggested donation, under 16s free.

Lecture: English Language in early medieval Southwell, Tuesday 27 October, 2.30–3.45pm, State Chamber. Join us to shine a light on medieval language and answer the question: *What did English sound like in early medieval Southwell?* People spoke and wrote Old English in early medieval Southwell. How much do we know about their language? What did it sound like? What other languages were there in the area? This talk will give an overview of the Mercian dialect of Old English using text examples written at the time, including *Beowulf*, The Peterborough Chronicle, The Lord's Prayer and place-names from the Southwell area. It will be fascinating to see how close our own modern form of English is to the earliest East Midlands dialect. All welcome — no prior experience with medieval language required. Speaker: Dr Christine Rauer is an academic based at the University of St Andrews, working on medieval English literature. Tickets cost £7.00 plus booking fee, available [here](#), from the Cathedral Shop and on the door.

Braimah and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason in Concert, Saturday 31 October, 7.30pm. Your chance to see the internationally renowned classical performers Braimah (Violin) and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason (Piano) perform. This event will also include the final judging of the Young Virtuoso Competition. Four of the finest young musicians from the East Midlands will be performing in competition for a £1,000 prize, which will be presented on the night. Tickets available [here](#).

Lecture: Christianity and Welfare, Tuesday 17 November, 7.00–8.15pm. In this lecture we'll learn more about Christianity and its crucial role in the development of our welfare state in this country. We'll consider if it has anything to say as we rethink welfare at a time of great economic pressure and, if so, what? Speaker: Nick Spencer, Senior Fellow at Theos, a think tank that stimulates debate about the place of religion in society, challenging and changing ideas through research, commentary and events. He is the author of a number of books and reports, most recently, *The Landscapes of Science and Religion* (OUP, 2025). His next book on 'Christianity and the Future of Welfare' is due out with Cambridge University Press this year. Tickets cost £7.00 plus booking fee and are available [here](#). All funds raised go towards the Minster's Learning and Education work.

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](#). Financial donations 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 4 October

Harvest Festival The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 7.40am | Litany BCP | Quire |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i> | Quire |
| 10.00am | Harvest Festival Eucharist CW
Preacher: The Very Revd Stephen Evans, <i>Dean of Southwell</i>
Mozart <i>Spatzenmesse</i> • Psalm 65: 8–13
Haydn <i>The heavens are telling</i>
Bach <i>Allegro</i> (from <i>Concerto in C</i> , BWV 594) | Nave (and live-streamed) |
| 3.30pm | Harvest Festival Evensong BCP
Address: The Rt Hon. Sir Mark Spencer
Steiner <i>God, whose farm is all creation</i> • Smith <i>Responses</i>
Psalm 136 • Walker <i>The St Martin's Service</i>
Elgar <i>Fear not, O Land</i> • Hymns 262 & 261 • Reger <i>Dankpsalm</i> | Quire and live-streamed |

PRAYERS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

During this season you might like to spend a few moments in reflection or prayer. The four themes below offer a simple way of praying for God's world with thankfulness, sorrow, hope and commitment.

Thankfulness

Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made. Give us the grace to recognise how deeply connected we are to the whole of creation, and to receive your gifts with wonder, gratitude and joy. Amen.

Sorrow

God of light, life and love, you called Creation into being and breathed your Spirit into all living things. Yet we have not honoured our relationship with you, with one

another, and with the earth that sustains us. Too often we have ignored the cries of Creation and chosen convenience over care. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you, and where our thoughts and actions have harmed the world you love. Open our ears to hear Creation's groaning and our hearts to respond with compassion and courage. Amen.

Hope

Loving God, help us to keep our eyes fixed on your grace. When the challenges facing our world seem overwhelming, remind us that with you all things are possible. We thank you for all those working to protect and restore Creation. Strengthen them in their calling, and inspire in us the same spirit of wisdom, perseverance and care. Amen.

Commitment

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and for one another. Give us the wisdom to use resources well, the courage to make difficult changes, and the perseverance to live more gently upon the earth. Inspire world leaders, communities and individuals to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored, and future generations may delight in its beauty and abundance. Amen.

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

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