

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 18 October

Luke the Evangelist

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| 7.40am | Litany BCP | <i>Quire</i> |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, <i>Canon Missioner</i> | <i>Quire</i> |
| 10.00am | Cathedral Eucharist CW
<i>sung by the Minster Chorale</i>
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, <i>Canon Missioner</i>
Ives <i>Missa brevis</i> • Psalm 147: 1–7
Vaughan Williams <i>O taste and see</i>
Bach <i>Fugue in C minor</i> , BWV 537ii | <i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i> |
| 3.30pm | Festal Evensong BCP
<i>sung by the Minster Chorale</i>
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, <i>Priest Pastor</i>
Vaughan Williams <i>O taste and see</i> • Radcliffe <i>Responses</i>
Office Hymn: <i>Exultet caelum laudibus</i> • Psalm 103
Antiphon: <i>Estote fortes in bello</i> • Mathias <i>St David's Service</i>
Roberts <i>Seek ye the Lord</i> • Hymn 194
Mendelssohn <i>Andante con moto</i> (from <i>Sonata in D</i> , Op. 65 No 5) | <i>Quire and live-streamed)</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, 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

Stephen Chapman, Sue Hopkin, Joan Larke

(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

- 18 Margaret Irene Brooke
- 19 Joyce Eileen Reeves
- 23 Richard Francis Smith
- 24 Peter Robin Turner (priest)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The gospel life is not a social agency of good works but a life of mindful presence or oneness in God... One must desire to put on the mind of Christ, one must choose to follow the way of the gospel, and then one must practice the gospel life in community... Christian life requires a conscious decision to shift the mind by training the mind to focus on the central values of the gospel and to dispense with all other things.

Ilia Delio, *Making All Things New*, Orbis Books, 2015 p.157–8

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

The **funeral of Sue Hopkin** will take place in the Quire of the Minster on Monday 19 October at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

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.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

Notes on the Dean's Forum, 13 October. Thank you to everyone who attended the Dean's Forum. In summary, the Dean outlined the significant challenges facing Southwell Minster and the steps being taken to secure its future. The Minster is facing a very serious financial situation, with an estate repair deficit of over £20 million and

an urgent need to stabilise its finances. Work is underway to improve financial management, seek external funding and achieve a balanced budget within three years. Alongside these challenges, the Dean shared Chapter's newly adopted Vision and Strategy, focusing on five key areas: People, Place, Praise, Protection and Partnership. Despite the difficulties ahead, there is a clear commitment to greater transparency, rebuilding trust, and working together to secure a sustainable future for the Minster. For those who were unable to attend, a link to the full text is available here: [Dean-s Forum October 2026.pdf](#)

Winter Craft Fair Refreshments. The team organising refreshments for the Craft Fair would like additional donations of cakes for Saturday 7 November. Home-made or bought and donated are all gratefully received. Any additional offer of help to serve refreshments would also be welcomed, volunteers are usually needed for 1- or 2-hour slots through the day. Please see Vicky Thorpe or email her at vicky.thorpe@southwellminster.org.uk.

Creationtide 2026. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Creationtide celebrations so memorable. We are grateful to the Flower Arrangers, including Sam and his volunteers for the powerful *Feast and Famine* harvest display, the organisations that donated produce, SMEAG and the Fairtrade Group for their informative displays, those who organised and served the Harvest Lunch, our Music Department, Lay Clerks and Choristers, the Hospitality Team, and all who donated to Newark Foodbank. Your generosity, creativity and service enriched our worship and witness throughout the season. *Canon Amanda*

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

Volunteer Cash Counters. We are currently looking for volunteers to join our small, friendly team of Minster cash counters. They meet on Monday mornings and play a vital role in helping us manage our cash income from donations, events and services over the previous week. Training will be provided and those with a background in finance would be especially welcome. For more information, please email the Finance Department — accounts@southwellminster.org.uk

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 October: Adopting a more plant-based diet? Visit Nottingham Vegan Market on Saturday 10 October 10.00am–2.30pm held in the main hall of Sherwood United Reform Church, 1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3AA.

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:

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

Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, 7.30pm. At our Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day, we will be remembering the departed by name, and there will also be an opportunity to light candles during the service. The service will include a performance of Duruflé's *Requiem* by the Minster Chorale. Please do spread the word about this service, which has brought comfort and healing to many over the years.

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

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 (includes a glug of Anglo-Saxon mead to help those tricky Old English words roll off the tongue!), available [here](#), from the Cathedral Shop and on the door.

The next **Friday Lunchtime Concert** will be held on **Friday 30 October at 1.30pm** and will be a concert of music performed by members of the Nottingham Chamber Wind Ensemble. Free admission with retiring collection for the Milo Chorister Fund. Tea/coffee available from 1pm.

Cathedral Music Trust Gathering at Southwell Minster, Saturday 31 October, 12.00–8.00pm. We're delighted to be partnering with the Cathedral Music Trust for a special day at Southwell Minster, bringing together cathedral music and heritage lovers for an afternoon and evening of discovery, music and good company. Hosted by Director of Music Paul Provost, the gathering includes a guided tour of the Minster, an exploration of the remarkable medieval Leaves of Southwell, tea and cake, the opportunity to rehearse and sing with the Cathedral Choir at Evensong, and wine tasting with music from our Lay Clerks in the historic State Chamber. It's a chance to see some of Southwell's extraordinary heritage, experience its musical life from the inside, and meet others who share a passion for cathedrals and cathedral music. Tickets cost £30. Book via the Cathedral Music Trust website: <https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/events/southwell-minster/>.

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](#).

Winter Craft Fair, Friday 6 November, 4.00–8.00pm and Saturday 7 November, 10.00am–3.30pm. More than 60 stalls selling a wide range of goods in the Minster, as well as an additional 15 in the State Chamber of The Archbishop's Palace next door (open both days). This is one of the region's most loved events and is the perfect place to pick up a gift for a loved one whilst helping support independent businesses. Expect jewellery, ceramics, glassware, textiles, hand-crafted cards and much more. Entry: £4 suggested donation (under 16s free), Dogs on leads welcome

Red Flags, Green Flags, Monday 9 – Thursday 19 November, Chapter House. As we mark Safeguarding Sunday on 15 November, look out for this forthcoming exhibition. Inspired by the medieval Green Men of Southwell Minster, women involved in Mansfield Museum's Green Power project have created ceramic Green Women and richly stitched flags exploring abuse, recovery and resilience. Through powerful stories of survival, the exhibition highlights both the red flags of abuse and the green flags of healthy relationships. With information from local support organisations, it invites us all to notice the signs, start conversations, and help create a safer world for everyone.'

80's Anthems by Candlelight, Thursday 12 November, 7.30pm. Tickets available [here](#).

London Concertante present *Christmas at the Movies*, Saturday 14 November, 7.30pm. Tickets available [here](#).

Lecture: Christianity and the welfare state, 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, and 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.

Southwell Choral Society concert, Saturday 21 November, 7.30pm. The Chilcott *Requiem* plus a selection of other pieces by English composers Parry, Tallis and Elgar. Tickets available [here](#).

Handel's Messiah, Tuesday 8 December, 7.00pm. Join us for Southwell Minster Choir Association's annual performance of Handel's much-loved *Messiah*. This is a staple part of the Minster's programme of concerts and events in the run-up to Christmas, and once again this year we are joined by four outstanding soloists, and a period instrument orchestra. Tickets available [here](#).

Southwell Music Festival. 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>

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.

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

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

Sunday 25 October

The Last Sunday after Trinity

7.40am	Litany BCP	Quire
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, <i>Dean of Southwell</i>	Quire
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW <i>sung by the Pennine Singers</i> Preacher: Robert Ridgwell, <i>Reader</i> Schubert <i>in G</i> • Psalm 1 • Byrd <i>Sing joyfully</i> Dubois <i>Prélude</i> (from <i>Douze Pièces</i>)	Nave (and live-streamed)
3.30pm	Evensong BCP <i>sung by the Pennine Singers</i> Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i> Tallis <i>O nata lux</i> • Rose Responses Office Hymn: <i>Lucis Creator optime</i> • Psalm 119: 89–104 Stanford <i>in G</i> • Bruckner <i>Os justi</i> • Hymn 449 Stanford <i>Postlude in D minor</i>	Quire and live-streamed)

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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