PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community

Southwell Minster

Sunday 8 November **The Third Sunday before Advent**
Remembrance Sunday

7.40am **Litany** BCP *Quire*

8.00am **Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*

9.30am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Quire (and live-streamed)*
sung by the Minster Chorale
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Pastor*
Sumsion *in F* • Parry *Crossing the bar*
Bach *Fantasia in C minor,* BWV 537i

10.45am **Service of Remembrance** *The Burgage & Nave*
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Guest *For the fallen* • Aston *So they gave their bodies*
Parry *Chorale Prelude on 'St Anne'*

3.30pm **Requiem Eucharist** BCP *Quire and live-streamed)*
Fauré *Requiem*

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, Bobby Craik, Alistair Farrant, Brendan Haigh, Helena Ibbotson, David Keene (priest), Glynn Lloyd, John Meredith, June Meredith, Victoria Meredith, Liz Rose, Malcolm Rose, Patrick Sills, 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

(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

8 Frank Halifax
9 Derek Chetwin, Brian John Smith, David Price Jones
11 John Michael Rose
12 Esther Haywood
13 José García

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Describing being tortured in Singapore during World War II, Bishop Leonard Wilson said, I looked at them as they stood round and took it in turns to flog, and their faces were hard and cruel. But by the grace of God I saw them, not as they were, but as they had been. Once they were little children in those far-off days before being conditioned by false nationalist ideas — and it's hard to hate little children. … And so I saw them as they were capable of becoming, redeemed by Christ, and I knew it was only common sense to say, 'Forgive'.

The Listener, *BBC*, 10 October 1946, p.555

Southwell Minster update. Discussions with the Church Commissioners are continuing as we work together to secure a stable and sustainable long-term future for the Minster. There are no definitive answers yet, but these conversations are an important part of the work now underway. We are also in dialogue with grant-making organisations, including Historic England, about support for our historic buildings. In the meantime, please be assured that our services and daily activities continue, and we are planning our worship, music and events through 2027 and beyond.

The Dean, Chapter and staff are working to a clear roadmap to put the Minster on a sustainable footing. This includes developing our fundraising plans, generating more income — a process already underway with the opening of the new café, Etto — and making the most effective use of our buildings and wider estate, as well as carefully reviewing our costs.

The response to news of our financial challenges has been extraordinary. We are very grateful to everyone who has upheld us in prayer, donated, shared their memories or offered practical support. We will keep you informed as discussions progress and our plans develop.

If you would like to donate, you can do so *here*. There are options to support the Minster's work generally or to contribute specifically towards the care and repair of our historic buildings.

We are so thankful for your support, your prayers and your encouragement.

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

Winter Craft Fair, 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 (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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.'

Churches Together in Southwell: Holy Trinity Church will be hosting a new course called 'The Bereavement Journey' for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. This is a seven-session course with film and discussion on a Wednesday morning at 10.00am, beginning on 11 November. The first three sessions will be held fortnightly before Christmas and the other four after Christmas. For more details contact the Church Office (01636 815512) or visit the Holy Trinity website.

80's Anthems by Candlelight, Thursday 12 November, 7.30pm. Tickets available *here*.

Our next **Friday Lunchtime Concert** will be held on **Friday 13 November at 1.30pm** and will be a concert of Victorian Parlour Songs, performed by two of our Lay Clerks, Matthew Spillett and Matthew McCullough. On **Friday 26 November** our concert will be a concert of early performed Zoffany. Free admission with retiring collection for the Milo Chorister Fund. Tea/coffee available from 1pm in the South Transept.

London Concertante present *Christmas at the Movies*, Saturday 14 November, 7.30pm. Tickets available *here*.

The next **Churches Together in Southwell Open Forum will be held on Saturday 14 November at Southwell Baptist Church, 8.30–10.00am.** We hope to see as many of you as possible there and please feel free to bring any other interested people. If you plan to attend, please email trisch53@yahoo.com if you have any dietary requirements.

Christian Aid Early Afternoon Tea, Sunday 15 November. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are sorry that the above event will no longer be taking place. We would like to thank all those who have supported us so far. We will arrange refunds as soon as possible. *Jean Jackson and Nicola Rush*

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

Churches Together in Southwell: Women's Reflective Evening, the Riverside Centre, Thursday 19 November, 7.30pm. Come and join us for a reflective evening on the theme of Light in the Darkness — finding God's light when life feels dark or uncertain. We will spend some time in gentle worship, listen to an inspiring word and spend time in prayer, with prayer ministry for any who need the extra support. To attend, please sign up *here*.

Minster Book Group. The November meeting of the group will be on Friday 27 November at 3.00pm at the home of one of our members, details to be circulated nearer the time. The book chosen for discussion is *Three Vicars Talking* based on a series of BBC broadcasts with Richard Coles, Kate Bottley and Giles Fraser discussing a range of topics. An easy, engaging read and lots for us to discuss. New members are always warmly welcomed. Please contact Penny Young on 01636 814506 or chris.kent100@btinternet.com.

Supporting the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal. After the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 29 November, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and financial donations for the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal. If you are unable to bring a toy, a monetary gift is warmly welcome and will help provide Christmas presents for children and families facing hardship across Nottinghamshire. Please avoid warlike toys (such as guns or soldiers). Toys for babies aged 0–18 months are especially needed. Thank you for your generosity and for helping bring Christmas joy to children who might otherwise go without a gift this Christmas.

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

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

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

Creation Service, Sunday 15 November, 5.00pm. Come and join this reflective service as we pray for God's creation.

Churches Together in Southwell invite you to an evening of prayer for Southwell, Friday 20 November, 7.30–9.30pm at Southwell Methodist Church. Refreshments served from 7.00pm.

Framework Carol Service, Friday 4 December, 7.30pm. A special carol service organised by Nottinghamshire's leading homelessness charity has been a popular feature of pre-Christmas events at Southwell Minster for several years. Familiar Christmas carols will be led by the Minster Chorale, with readings from people involved with the charity. As Framework celebrates its 25th anniversary, this year's service will be particularly special. As a culmination of the celebrations, guests will be among the first to see Framework's spectacular Community Quilt, making its debut at the event. A collection will be taken to support Framework's ongoing efforts to end homelessness in the East Midlands. Claire Eden, Framework's Head of Fundraising & Communications, says: "We are delighted to be continuing our 25th anniversary celebrations with this special annual service. This year we're excited to be showcasing our Community Quilt after the service as a wonderful reflection of the people and communities who make Framework what it is. We are hugely grateful to our friends at Southwell Minster for continuing to host this popular event and look forward to welcoming everyone." Seats can be reserved at www.frameworkha.org/events, by emailing fundraising@frameworkha.org or calling 0115 970 9558. More information about Framework and the Community Quilt is available at www.frameworkha.org.

MUSIC AND EVENTS

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 it 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. Message from the foodbank: We would like to wish all our supporters a very happy Christmas and send all our best wishes for 2026. Thank you for your invaluable support! The following items are especially needed (those in bold are now in very short supply): Long Life Milk (whole milk for children), Long Life Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Meat (serve cold), Tinned Meat Soup, Tinned Carrots, Biscuits (e.g. Custard Creams/Digestives), Sponge Puddings, Strong Bags. Check the website for less urgent items. The Foodbank also accepts donations of money, which can be used to purchase items locally. Please see website for details of how to donate. https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ Items can be donated at the following places – Co-op, One Stop, Well Pharmacy and various churches.

WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

For a full listing of the next week's Services and Music List, please click here.

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Safeguarding Sunday

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8.00am **Holy Communion** BCP — *Quire*
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Pastor*

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW — *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Amanda Lees, *Canon Missioner*
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo* • Psalm 90: 1–8
Mozart *Ave verum corpus*
Vierne *Carillon de Longpont* (from *24 Pièces en style libre*)

3.30pm **Evensong** BCP — *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
Tallis *Glory to thee, my God, this night* • Clucas *Responses*
Office Hymn: *Lucis Creator optime* • Psalm 89: 19–37
Walton *Chichester Service* • Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*
Hymn 383 (T. II)
Locklair *The people respond — Amen!* (from *Rubrics*)

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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