

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13 September 2026



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm First Evensong of Holy Cross Day

Preces and Responses: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in B minor*, T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon.

It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet, the purple Office Hymn booklet and the green New English Hymnal you will find available in the stalls. In addition, you may wish to refer to the burgundy Book of Common Prayer (for the Psalms) and the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).

INTROIT sung by the choir from the North Transept

Crux fidelis inter omnes,
Arbor una nobilis,
Nulla silva talem profert,
Fronde flore germine,
Dulce lignum, dulces claves,
Dulce pondus sustinet.
Amen.

*Faithful Cross! above all other,
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.
Amen.*

*Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-600)
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

Music: John IV of Portugal (1604-56)

PRECES (see page 4 of Evensong booklet)

The congregation is welcomed by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader

OFFICE HYMN

Vexilla Regis prodeunt

The royal banners forward go

(page 12 of Office Hymn booklet)

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

(see page 733 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT (see page 5 of Evensong booklet)

O Cross most blessed!

Thou which was counted the only tree worthy to carry the Lord
and King of heaven. Alleluia.

Antiphon: O CRUX BENEDICTA

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2: 11–end

(see page 211 in the New Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

NUNC DIMITTIS (see page 6 of Evensong booklet)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see page 6 of Evensong booklet)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (see page 7 of Evensong booklet)

including the COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY

Almighty God,
who in the passion of thy blessed Son
hast made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.	<i>Christ was made obedient for us, even to the death of the cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name which is above every name.</i>
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Words: Philippians 2: 8-9

Music: Felice Anerio (c. 1560-1614)

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Canon Angela Ashwin*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

We sing the praise of him who died (NEH 94)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)

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