

PEW NEWS

Weekly News for the Minster Community



Southwell
Minster

Sunday 13 September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 7.40am Litany** BCP Quire
- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP Quire
Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Pastor*
Thorne Mass of St Thomas
Mendelssohn Allegro moderato maestoso
- 11.15am Sung Eucharist** BCP *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*
Jackson in G • *Purcell Remember not, Lord, our offences*
Byrd Ave verum • *Couperin Offertoire sur les grands jeux*
(from *Messe a l'usage des Paroisses*)
- 3.30pm First Evensong of Holy Cross Day** *Quire (and live-streamed)*
Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*
John IV Crux fidelis • *Byrd Responses*
Office Hymn: *Vexilla Regis prodeunt* • Psalm 66
Antiphon: *O crux Benedicta* • *Noble in B minor*
Anerio Christus factus est • Hymn 94
Boëllmann Menuet gothique

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, Sue Hopkin, 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 Brady, Mark Edmondson-Jones, Roger Jackson, 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

14 Roy Thomas Walker

19 Mary Evelyn Skinner

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As a minimum, animals need to eat and they need to breed, and to achieve these things they need the shelter of somewhere to live. To dwell. But human dominance has proved disastrous for their habitation needs. It's a tragic situation — for the plight of animals, of course, but also a pitiful reflection of our own attitudes and activities. We [now] find that creatures are far more intelligent than has ever been believed, increasingly recognised as sentient beings with capabilities and behaviours that are endlessly complex and fascinating. As such they encourage the expansion of the human mind.

Simon Armitage, *Dwell*, Faber, 2025, p.x

The flowers in the Minster this weekend have been sponsored by Maggie Peel in loving memory of her mother, Pearl Rumsey.

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEKEND

‘Hope and Opportunities for the World’ All are welcome to come along as author, environmentalist and theologian Canon Dr Ruth Valerio speaks at a ‘Caring for Creation Celebration’ service in the cathedral on **Saturday 12 September at 11.00am**. Led by the Dean, with the Archdeacon of Nottingham, this will be a joyful service of thanksgiving as we reflect on our commitment to steward God’s precious creation and the work of eco churches across our diocese.

Music in the State Chamber: Susie McIntosh (cello) and Mary Brazier (piano), Sunday 13 September, 7.30pm. A former pupil of the Minster School, Susie McIntosh studied Music and French at Royal Holloway, University of London. Susie has performed widely and has appeared on Top of the Pops and the National Lottery. Mary Brazier studied piano and singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, subsequently embarking on a career, which has included teaching, accompanying, and performing both with soloists and various choirs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Community Cuppa. The next Community Cuppa will be held on Thursday 17 September, 10.30–11.30am in the South Transept. All are welcome to drop in for tea, coffee and biscuits, to meet new people, and a change of scenery in a relaxed setting.

Gala Organ Concert: Carolyn Craig, Wednesday 16 September, 7.30pm. Our second Gala Organ Concert of 2026 is given by Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music at Wells Cathedral. Programme to include works by Brahms, Reger and Hakim. Tickets £10 available [here](#) or by cash or card, payable on the door, U18s free.

Small Sounds: make some music with your little ones! This autumn, Southwell Minster is launching **Small Sounds**, a new music programme giving families with children aged 0–5 the chance to enjoy weekly music sessions during term time. Starting **Friday 18 September at 9.30am** 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.

The next **Friday Lunchtime Concert** will be held on **Friday 18 September at 1.30pm** and will be “Songs to Entertain” performed by the Artisan Singers. On **Friday 2 October** our concert 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.

Celebrating our volunteers. Evensong on Sunday 20 September will be focused on a ‘Celebration of Volunteers’ If you volunteer at the Minster in any way, please join us for this special occasion and stay to have a chat over refreshments afterwards.

The **Historic Chapter Library cabinets** are currently displaying books from our 1716 catalogue (our first Library catalogue), including a 1st edition copy of Robert Thoroton’s *Antiquities of Nottinghamshire*. If you would like to visit the Library, please contact Victoria Arthurson at library@southwellminster.org.uk.

THE MINSTER COMMUNITY

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 will be available from Sunday 20 September after the 10.00am Service — please speak to Vicky Thorpe. Tickets will also be available from the Cathedral Shop or by clicking [here](#). Please remember to tell us about any dietary requirements.

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

Minster Book Group. The September meeting of the group will be on Friday 25 September at 3.00pm at the home of one of our members, details to be circulated nearer the time. This month we have chosen to read *Steeplechasing — Around Britain by Church* by Peter Ross. “A captivating journey through Britain's churches, exploring their architectural wonders, hidden secrets, and the human stories behind these sacred spaces.” New members are warmly welcomed. Please contact chris.kent100@btinternet.com if you would like to try us out. Penny Young

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 to ensure that we can continue to live-stream the current number of services 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

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.

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

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

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.

Young Virtuoso Competition Final, 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 MONTH

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

Sunday 20 September

The Sixteenth 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 Preacher: The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, <i>Canon Theologian</i> Langlais <i>Messe solennelle</i> • Psalm 145: 1–8 Provost <i>Tantum ergo</i> • Bach <i>Prelude and Fugue in G</i> , BWV 550	<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
3.30pm	First Evensong of Matthew Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, <i>Priest Vicar</i> Ashfield <i>The righteous shall be remembered</i> • Ayleward <i>Responses</i> Office Hymn: <i>Exultet caelum laudibus</i> • Psalm 34 Antiphon: <i>Estote fortes</i> • Walmisley <i>in D minor</i> Stanford <i>Iustorum animae</i> • Hymn 189 Bairstow <i>Allegro giocoso</i> (from <i>Sonata in E flat</i>)	<i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i>



SMALL SOUNDS

Drop-in music sessions for children aged 0 - 5 and their grown-ups

Shake, rattle and roll with your little ones and discover the joy of music through songs and play

FRIDAYS at 9:30am in term time
(check our website for dates)

Suggested donation per session: £5

SOUTHWELL MINSTER, South Transept

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MELODY MAKERS

Fun singing sessions for children in
Foundation to Year 2, led by the Minster's
experienced professional musicians.

SATURDAY: 10-10:45am in term time
(check our website for dates)

£5 per session (first session free)

**State Chamber, Archbishop's Palace,
Southwell Minster**

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