

Southwell
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



A Service to Celebrate
THE OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY
of
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Sunday 13 June 2021
11.30am

Welcome to Southwell Minster



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



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Clergy at this Service

This service is led by The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*. The preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*. The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

Use of Personal Data for NHS Test and Trace

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Organ Music before the Service

Suite from 'Henry V'
(*March; Passacaglia 'Death of Falstaff';*
Touch her soft lips and part; March)

William Walton (1902-83)
arr. Christopher Gower (b. 1939)

Rhosymedre
(from *Three Preludes founded on Welsh hymn tunes*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Real Lives and the British Ecological Society are the High Sheriff's two chosen charities for his year in office.

Real Lives

Real Lives, a Nottingham charity, was set up in October 2012 to support people in their communities, and to specifically fill a gap in the market where there was a lack of services offering quality, safe social support to people with mental health challenges and multiple needs. Over the years since, Real Lives has supported many individuals through funded support and employment, with some clients and employees staying for a number of years.

The British Ecological Society

The British Ecological Society is the oldest ecological society in the world. It was established in 1913 and has been fostering the science of ecology ever since. The Society has 6,000 members around the world and brings people together across regional, national and global scales to advance ecological science. Membership is open to anyone, anywhere.

The Churches Count on Nature

Churches Count on Nature is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. During a week in June, it brings local people together to discover the wildlife in their local church yard, recording the species they find, combining their results with others which will be collated on the National Biodiversity Network (NBN), a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK.

The Office of High Sheriff

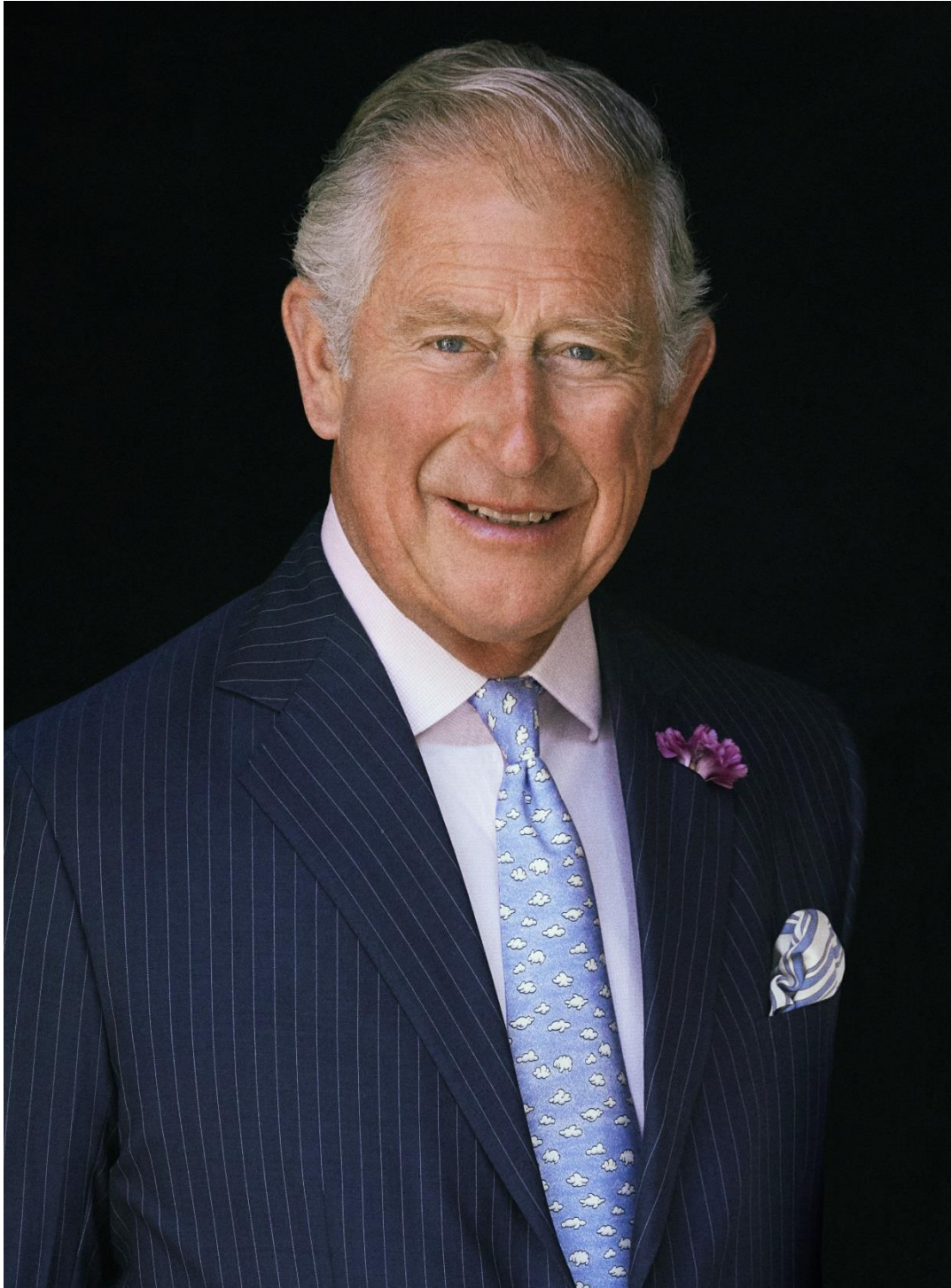
The Office of High Sheriff is at least 1,000 years old and is the oldest continuous secular office under the Crown. Originally the office held many of the powers now vested in Lord-Lieutenants, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Local Authorities, Coroners and the Inland Revenue. The High Sheriff remains the Sovereign's representative in the county for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

High Sheriffs are responsible for duties conferred by the Crown through warrant from the Privy Council, including attendance at royal visits, ensuring the protection and well-being of High Court Judges on circuit, executing High Court writs and orders, acting as Returning Officer for parliamentary elections in county constituencies, proclaiming the accession of a new Sovereign and maintaining the loyalty of subjects to the Crown. In practice, some of these responsibilities are delegated to the professional services.

There is a nomination ceremony for all counties on 12 November each year in the Royal Courts of Justice when three names are put forward for the office of High Sheriff in each county. Subsequently the selection of a new High Sheriff is made by the Sovereign at a meeting of the Privy Council when by ancient custom the appointed name is 'pricked' with a bodkin.

The office is non-political, which enables the holder to bring together a wide variety of individuals and office-holders for the good of the community served by the High Sheriff. High Sheriffs are now also encouraged to undertake duties to help voluntary and statutory bodies engaged in the maintenance and extension of law and order.

Foreword by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales





CLARENCE HOUSE

Every year, Southwell Minster celebrates the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen with a special service.

This year, the service takes place in the extraordinary circumstances which have become all too familiar during this past year of the pandemic. Against such a background, the event provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and sacrifices of the year, and to give thanks for the inspiring example of service and fortitude which The Queen has set for us throughout this most testing of times.

This pandemic year has been a uniquely difficult period; one that has impacted on all parts of the world, leaving no-one untouched. It has tested our endurance, our resilience and our faith. Our communities, however, have risen to that challenge, as we have seen in the selfless service, courage and commitment demonstrated right across our diverse society.

As we emerge slowly from the shadow of this worldwide threat, today's service will provide a moment for us to spare a thought and a prayer for those who are still struggling with hardship or grief. It will also be an opportunity for us to give thanks for all those whose dedication to duty has been such an inspiration to us all.

This year, I know, the service will also stress Nature's urgent cry for help in the face of the unsustainable pressures that are being put on the global ecosystem, on biodiversity and on the climate. It is a cry we simply cannot ignore, any more than we could ignore the needs of those members of our community to whom the pandemic brought suffering and loss.

In the light of such a threat, we are all – adults and children alike – being asked to make a difference in our lives today, so that we can leave a legacy of sustainability for the future. In meeting that ongoing challenge, those same qualities of resilience, determination and faith called forth by the pandemic will be needed again in full measure. In this great task, I know that the people of Nottinghamshire will not be found wanting.

May your service today bring blessings to you, to your wider community and to the world we share.

Judicial and Military Procession

A Verger

The Under Sheriff

The Chief Constable

Mr Will Legg - EMAS

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Commander Swann

Colonel Richmond

Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford

The High Sheriff

The Honourable Mr Justice Hildyard

The Bishop of Sherwood

The Head Verger

The Lord-Lieutenant

The Dean

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 11.25am, please remain seated at the entry of the Cathedral Choir.

At 11.30am, please stand as the Procession, with the High Sheriff and Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, enters the Cathedral through the west doors and all are escorted to their seats.

THE PREPARATION

ANTHEM sung by the choir during the Procession

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens,

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord:

O all ye Powers of the Lord,

O ye Sun and Moon,

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord:

praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Showers and Dew,

O ye Winds of God,

O ye Fire and Heat,

O ye Winter and Summer,

O ye Dews and Frosts,

O ye Frost and Cold,

O ye Ice and Snow,

O ye Nights and Days,

O ye Light and Darkness,

O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord:

praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let the Earth bless the Lord:
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth,
O ye Wells,
O ye Seas and Floods,
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters,
O all ye Fowls of the Air,
O all ye Beasts and Cattle,
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let Israel bless the Lord:
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
O ye Servants of the Lord,
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous,
O ye holy and humble Men of heart,
O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen.

*Words: Book of Common Prayer
after Daniel 3.57-88 (Apocrypha)*

*Music: BENEDICITE IN B FLAT
Herbert Sumsion (1928-67)*

Please sit

THE GREETING

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation and says:

We come to our Cathedral Church today to rejoice on the occasion of the Official Birthday of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, and to give thanks for her long life of service and her continuing commitment to people of all ages, races and cultures around the world.

We gather with thankfulness that today, unlike last year, this service can take place in the Cathedral; though always mindful of all those whose lives have been, or continue to be, affected by the pandemic.

In this past year we have marked with great sadness the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, whilst also celebrating his more than seven decades of service as Her Majesty's husband and consort. One of the main themes of today's service is one that was particularly close to the Duke's heart; that of the beauty of God's creation and our responsibility to care for it. Our service coincides with the Churches Count on Nature, a national initiative bringing together local people to discover wildlife in their churchyards, and contributing to the National Biodiversity Network.

In his specially written Foreword for today's service, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales speaks powerfully of 'Nature's urgent cry for help in the face of the unsustainable pressures that are being put on the global ecosystem, on biodiversity and on the climate. It is a cry,' His Royal Highness goes on, that 'we simply cannot ignore, any more than we could ignore the needs of those members of our community to whom the pandemic brought suffering and loss.'

And so as we begin our worship, let us freely confess our sins, and in particular our failure to tend and to care for this good earth that God has given us.

CONFESSION

Consider the birds of the air;
they do not sow or gather into barns,
yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they do not toil nor spin,
yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

How little faith we have.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Bishop The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN

Dean Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Deuteronomy 24: 17–22

read by Professor Harminster Singh Dua, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

READING

Luke 10: 25–37

read by Sir John Peace, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to

Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HYMN

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

1. Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shewn in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

2. Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

3. Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

4. Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

Words: Cyril Alington (1872-1955)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE NEH 265

Henry Smart (1813-79)

Please sit when invited

SERMON *given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams*

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

As the apple trees among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved, among the sons.
I sat down under his shadow with great delight
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
My beloved spake and said unto me:
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
As the apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among the sons.

Words: Song of Solomon 2: 3 & 10

Music: Robert Walker (b. 1946)

Please remain seated or kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by The Canon Precentor*

concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

HYMN

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgement
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of thy word:
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

*Tune: RHUDDLAN NEH 490
Welsh traditional*

THE CONCLUSION

BLESSING given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

God save our gracious Queen,	Thy choicest gifts in store
Long live our noble Queen,	On her be pleased to pour,
God save the Queen!	Long may she reign:
Send her victorious,	May she defend our laws,
Happy and glorious,	And ever give us cause
Long to reign over us,	To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!	God save the Queen!

*Tune: NATIONAL ANTHEM NEH 489
English traditional arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

March 'Dignity and Impudence'

Percy Whitlock (1903-46)
arr. Malcolm Riley (b. 1960)

Please collect your refreshments from the table in the north porch as you leave the Minster. We regret that due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to gather socially either inside or outside the Minster.

Order of Recession

The Head Verger

The Lord-Lieutenant	The Dean
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham	
The Honourable Mr Justice Hildyard	
The Under Sheriff	
The Chief Constable	
Mr Will Legg – EMAS	
The Deputy Chief Fire Officer	
Commander Swann	
Colonel Richmond	
Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford	
The High Sheriff	
The Bishop of Sherwood	

Please take this order of service away with you.

The Minster office is currently closed, but you can contact us if needed using these details:

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