

# FRIENDS NEWS



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## LOOK FORWARD

Kate Dean, Secretary

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Our first newsletter of 2017 welcomes the new Succentor, Rachel Young who has kindly written an article for us. I hope you will introduce yourself to Rachel when you meet her in the Cathedral.

Ruth Miller, the Cathedral's Visitors officer, has also provided us with information about some forthcoming events. The Cathedral is kindly offering a special ticket price for Friends for these talks all of which look very interesting. I hope you will be able to support these events. Tickets are available from the shop not from the Friends office.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the current edition of the Cathedral's 'What's On'. This gives detailed information on all the events taking place in the Cathedral until the end of April. You will find service dates and times throughout Lent and Easter together with contact telephone numbers and email address if you require more information or to purchase tickets whenever relevant.

The Annual General Meeting was booked for the 6 May. Due to diary commitments for the Dean and Sub Dean it has been

necessary to re-schedule this meeting which will now take place on Saturday 1 July at 2.15pm. More information, including the agenda, will be in the next newsletter.

As part of London Craft Week, there is an event on the evening of Thursday 4 May which may interest members of the Friends. For one evening only (between 7pm and 9pm), you will be given the rare opportunity to view the exceptional, detailed needlework and embroidery of vestments held by the Cathedral. This collection includes the Jubilee Copes, commissioned for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee in 2012, as well as Bishop Talbot's Vestments from 1905.

There will also be embroidery demonstrations throughout the evening with our Broderers who will be on hand to talk to visitors about their role at the Cathedral and demonstrate the work they carry out for the Dean and Chapter. Cathedral guides will be available to explain why the clergy wear vestments and the meaning and the role they still play in the 'theatre' of church.

More information will be available in the next newsletter.

And finally we have a new event planned for the evening of Friday 16 June – a Friends Garden Party. Full information will

be available in the next newsletter to be sent out in early May. But do put this date in your diary.

I look forward to seeing you at a Friends or Cathedral event soon .

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## NEW SUCCENTOR

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Rachel Young, Succentor

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“The times they are a-changing” sang Bob Dylan in 1963, and they certainly were then as they are now. They certainly have been for myself and my family as I prepared to take up the role of Succentor at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 22. It has been a very exciting time and it was lovely to see both family from the South East and friends from my previous parishes travel down from East Yorkshire to be there at the Installation service.

I have been warmly welcomed by everyone here and am very grateful for the help I’ve been given to settle in particularly by all the staff and volunteers at the Cathedral. I’ve come most recently from being Rector of a Benefice of four village churches just west of Beverley, East Yorkshire; and before that from Beverley Minster, where I was first of all a member of the congregation with my family (our two children were brought up there), then a Reader, a Self-Supporting Curate and then Associate Priest.

When I was an SSM my day job was as a peripatetic woodwind teacher

around schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire, which included teaching music to individuals, small groups and classes. Before being Ordained in 2009 I also had a background in working in music for worship for many years, which ran parallel to my music teaching. I worked for some years part-time for the Music and Worship Foundation, an ecumenical charity which provided training for musicians and singers leading more informal worship music.

I am married to Nigel who is a senior lecturer in Chemistry at Hull University and we have two children, Kathryn (24) who is currently doing a PhD at York University in Electronic Engineering, and Jonathan (22) who is in his 4th and final year of a Computing degree at Warwick University. We both come originally from the Home Counties so our extended family is all in the South-East, and I am looking forward to being able to see more of them.

I am also looking forward to meeting more of you and getting to know people here at Southwark Cathedral. It seems to be a special place and I feel privileged to be here and be part of your community.

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## HERITAGE TALKS AND EVENTS

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Ruth Miller, Visitors Officer

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Throughout 2017, there will be a number of heritage talks and events. In March and April, we will have a three free history talks in the evenings.

The Borough in the Blitz –Then and Now  
**Thursday 16 March from 7pm to 9pm**  
 The first talk is an illustrated talk by Neil Bright. This will look at how the local area suffered during the Blitz.

Marshalsea Debtor's Prison in Southwark  
**Thursday 20 April from 7pm to 9pm.**  
 In this talk, Jerry White will examine the history of the prison.

Stories of London  
**Saturday April 29, 10pm to 5pm**  
 At the end of April we will be running a day of London history talks called. Speakers include Matthew Beaumont, speaking about his book Nightwalking, Ted Sandling exploring the joys of mudlarking and Gillian Tindall talking about Crossrail. Tickets for Friends of Southwark Cathedral are £7. These are available from the Cathedral shop.

For further information, telephone 020 7367 6734.

## CATHEDRAL SHOP

From 1 March The Real Easter Egg will be available from the Cathedral Shop - priced at £3.99 for milk chocolate or £5.50 for dark. This is a great way to share the Easter story and raise money for charity. Stock is limited and these sell out very fast each year so get yours as soon as possible!

The Cathedral Shop also stock a number of resources and publications for Lent including Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace by Archbishop Justin

Welby, God With Us - The meaning of the Cross and Resurrection by Rowan Williams and The Things He Did: The Story of Holy Week by Stephen Cottrell.

A fine selection of fair-trade Easter gifts will also be available to buy from the 1 March to Easter Sunday.

## WHAT'S ON

Garden Party at the Cathedral  
**Friday 16 June 6.45pm-8.45pm**  
 Further details will be in the next newsletter but please reserve this date in your diary for this new Friends event.

Annual General Meeting  
**Saturday 1 July 2pm**

Friends Quiz Night  
**Friday 6 October 6.45pm**

Friends Christmas Market  
**Friday 1 - Sunday 3 December**  
 Bookings for stallholders currently being taken – contact Kate Dean:  
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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL



# VESTMENTS AND ALTAR FRONTALS

Thursday 4 May 2017 • 7pm-9pm



A rare chance to see the needlework and embroidery of vestments that are used for Southwark Cathedral's services. The collection includes the Diamond Jubilee Copes and Bishop Talbot's Vestments from 1905. There is an opportunity to view embroidery demonstrations throughout the evening.

## **FREE ADMISSION**

Booking not necessary;

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