

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sunday 24 December 2017

*An inclusive Christian community
growing in orthodox faith and radical love*

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral.

We are a community that seeks to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so.

Communicant members of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion at this service; please come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like a blessing, please bring the service booklet with you.

Participation. If you have been a regular at the Cathedral for six months or more, please ensure that your name is added to the Cathedral Electoral Roll - ask Stewards for details or email cathedral@southwark.anglican.org

Giving: *Regular worshippers* are asked to join the Planned Giving Scheme by setting up a bankers order. This greatly helps the Cathedral with financial planning. A blue form is available from the Stewards.

Visitors are asked to use the yellow envelope for their offering towards the work and worship of the Cathedral. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the details on the envelope to enable us to claim back the tax as Gift Aid. (Cheques to Southwark Cathedral.)

Children and young people during the 11.00am Eucharist:

Accompanied under-4s: Crèche with play mats, toys, songs and stories in the Education Centre.

JuniorXpress 1 and 2 YouthXpress are on holiday. They will start again in the new year on 7 January.

Following the Choral Eucharist tea and coffee are served.

Listen up! Sermons delivered in the Cathedral are available as text from <http://southwarkcathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/worship/sermons/>, where you can also find the weekly service sheet. They can also be downloaded as from iTunes by searching for *Southwark Cathedral Sermons*.

Weekly e-newsletter Keep up-to-date with events at Southwark Cathedral: southwarkcathedral.org.uk/ – scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up.

If you are ill or in hospital

Please do let us know so that the Cathedral community can pray for you and we can be in touch. Please contact the Sub Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

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A Safe Church

Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers:

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

Today's Services

8.30am Morning Prayer – Southwark Cathedral

Reading Psalm 144; Isaiah 7. 10–16

Officiant The Reverend Rachel Young, Succentor

9.00am Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

Readings 2 Samuel 7. 1–11, 16; Romans 16. 25–27; Luke 1. 26–38

Preacher The Reverend Rachel Young, Succentor

9.30am Eucharist – St Hugh's

11.00am Choral Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

President Canon Leanne Roberts, Treasurer

Preacher The Reverend Rachel Young, Succentor

Setting Messe solennelle · *Louis Vierne*

Voluntary

Gottes Sohn ist kommen (BWV 600) · *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Stand

Entrance Hymn

NEH 10

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes,

When he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ...

Mary, Hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.
Ring, bells, ...

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes,
Jesus comes,
We will make him welcome!

Fred Pratt Green

Sit **First Reading**
2 Samuel 7. 1–11, 16

Read by Jill Tilley.

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now when David, the king, was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live

in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Advent Prose

Second Reading

Romans 16. 25–27

Read by Louise Macleod.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Stand Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Sentence

I am Gabriel; I stand in the presence of God; and I have been sent to bring you this good news.

Gospel

Luke 1. 26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Sit Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Young, Succentor

Chorale Prelude

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott (BWV 602) · *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Sit Intercessions

Led by Sarah Mann.

Offertory Anthem

Magnificat in G · *Herbert Sumsion*

Stand Offertory Hymn

NEH 181 (tune ii)

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
adore and praise and magnify,
who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
the very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
blest by the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest ever-more, who brought to birth
The long-Desired of all the earth

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus

Translated by John Mason Neale

Stand Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer A

Communion Anthem

The angel Gabriel · *arranged by Edgar Pettman*

Stand Final Hymn

NEH 14 (tune 341 Franconia)

The advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon the road
His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son
Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.

Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

On clouds of dazzling light,
As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite,
With him in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away,
Ere that great hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
The new Man all put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity. Amen.

Charles Coffin

Translated by H Putman

Voluntary

Litanies · Jehan Alain

3.00pm Evening Prayer – Southwark Cathedral

4.00pm Crib Service – Southwark Cathedral

The Christmas Story told as children help to build the crib. Carols and fun for the whole family. We're calling all angels, shepherds, wise people, donkeys, sheep and reindeer! Come along in costume to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.

Everyone welcome!

See separate booklet.

11.30pm Midnight Mass – Southwark Cathedral

Christmas begins with the Midnight celebration of the Eucharist.
Doors open at 10.30pm.

See separate booklet.

Prayers

All those for whom prayers have been asked this week:

The Sick

John Godfrey, David Freeman, Lyn Jones, Andrew Rice, Paul Marshall, Phyllis Still, Comfort Omotosho, Richard Grover, Sue Adams, Karen Greene, Anita Hooper, Sally Hollowell, Pamela Hewitt, Abi Smith, Eve Chandler, Donna Bompas, Sarah Rawlins, Edmund Plaxton, Tony Zotti, Peggy Brown, Richard Hoare, Brandon Hawkins, John Noble, Ray Cook, Nathan Clegg, Hilda Aarons, Jennifer Barter, Elisabeth Dunman, Owen Northwood Thomas, Pauline John.

The Departed

Ronnie Slaven.

Year's mind

Jean Tryner, Jacky Keogh.

Mission allocation partners for December

Wandsworth Prison

Chaplain: Kenneth Wilkin.

Alf Dubs Children's Fund

supporting the Citizens UK project 'Safe Passage', which helps unaccompanied child refugees and vulnerable adults to find safe, legal routes to sanctuary.

Today

Nativity Figures

The crib that we shall build this afternoon will feature nativity figures created by children from a number of Diocesan schools. These figures will remain in our crib throughout Christmas and Epiphany.

The figures were created on Tuesday 5 December, when over 230 children from Diocesan schools visited the Cathedral for the Education Centre's 'Journey to the Manger'.

Throughout the day, the children visited a series of stations where they explored the nativity story from the perspectives of different characters.

Contactless Donation

We are now able to receive your offering using a debit or credit card, Apple or Android Pay.

If you would like to use this please see a Cathedral Warden, Matthew or Daniel, near the doors to the link after the service. They have a sign saying 'Contactless Offering'.

This Week's Services

Monday to Friday

Regular Services

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Eucharist
12.30pm Midday Prayer
12.45pm Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Special Services

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day

There is no Christmas without Christ –
so come to Church on Christmas Day.

8.30am

Morning Prayer

9.00am

Eucharist with Carols

11.00am

Choral Eucharist

Saturday 30 December

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 31 December

The First Sunday of Christmas

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Reverend
Andrew Nunn, Dean

9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Reverend Andrew
Nunn, Dean

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Very Reverend Andrew
Nunn, Dean

6.00pm Compline

Things to do this week

2 December – 5 January

Crisis Portraits

An exhibition of portraits captured by Crisis clients. Dual images of the subject and their keys form the basis of the exhibition. Individually these images represent ordinary people, but collectively they represent a portrait of London, a metropolis on the move, a city where finding an affordable home is a challenge. In Crisis' landmark 50th year, we consider the proposition 'What If?' through the eyes of our clients, examining the past, considering the present and looking to the future.

In the Refectory, 9.00am–6.00pm (Weekdays) and 10.00am–6.00pm (Weekend).

Future Events and Services

Sunday 7 January

The Feast of Epiphany

9.00am

Eucharist

11.00am

Choral Eucharist with the Presentation of the Gifts

The celebration of the arrival of the Magi to visit the infant Jesus.

3.00pm

Choral Evensong on the Eve of the Baptism of Christ

Tuesday 9 January

3.15pm

Music Recital

by Joanna Gutowska, cello.

Sunday 14 January

12.30pm

The Blessing of the River Thames

Gather with us on London Bridge for the Annual Celebration of the Blessing of the River and those who use it.

Monday 15 January

1.10pm

Organ recital

Welcome back our organ console in this first recital after its return from restoration.

Tuesday 16 January

3.15pm

Music Recital

by Edyta Lajdorf, piano, student at Guildhall School of Music.

Thursday 18 January

7.00pm–8.30pm

The Curious World of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn – Talk

Margaret Willes explores the friendship between Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, the two great diarists of 17th-century England.

Tickets: Free, from pepysevelyn.eventbrite.co.uk or the Cathedral Shop.

Tuesday 23 January

Music Recital

by Paolo Rinaldi, piano, and Farah Ghadiali, soprano, students at Trinity College of Music.

Sunday 21 January 2018

Visit to Rouen Cathedral

Members of Southwark Cathedral congregation are invited to celebrate our ecumenical link with Rouen cathedral in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Sunday 21 January 2018. Travel and accommodation arrangements are flexible. If you interested please contact andrew@andrewviner.co.uk to discuss possibilities.

There will be a further visit to Rouen in mid October 2018 with ecumenical partners from Rouen and Norway to mark the anniversary of the Baptism of St Olav. Please contact Andrew Viner if you are interested in further developing our links with Rouen.

General Notices

Thank you

The clergy thank all members of the congregation who have sent cards or left gifts for them. This is very kind and much appreciated. They are also grateful to all those who have worked so hard during the season of Advent to assure a warm welcome for all who have come to the Cathedral for services, concerts and even a Royal Visit! Not least amongst these are the Stewards who have done a wonderful job, as have all involved in the music, serving at the altar, arranging the flowers, reading, hospitality and the many other tasks that volunteers became involved in. Have a very merry Christmas and a very happy and blessed New Year.

Serving God Well Dressed – Thank you

Due to an immensely generous response to the appeal for funding for a new set of servers' albs, we are delighted to say that the money has been raised. We are hugely grateful and are looking forward to seeing the new albs in action – and some younger servers on the team – in the New Year.

Christmas Constellation

Thank you to Andrew Logan for yet again letting us use his mirror stars in the Christmas Constellation and Alasdair Flint for his gift of yet again, hanging and checking the mobile off site, certifying all the rigging and providing all the official paperwork and rigging the mobile in the Cathedral.

Robes Winter Night Shelter

at Christ Church Blackfriars starts on Sunday 28 January 2018 and runs until 12 March 2018. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Marlene Collins, mcollins16@sky.com, if you can support us.

Evacuation and security

The Chapter is always concerned for the safety of all who come to the Cathedral for any reason. The Stewards are fully trained in evacuation procedures and, should any incident occur, you are asked to follow their instructions. In the light of recent events we ask that all in the Cathedral act responsibly with regard to bags and possessions and not leave anything unattended.

Parents are requested that in case of an emergency evacuation it is best to leave buggies where they are. This is in line with best practice.

Server Recruitment

Applications are welcome to join the Southwark Cathedral Guild of Servers, who assist the clergy and vergers with the smooth operation of our regular Sunday and Festival services.

No prior experience is necessary but applicants must possess the following attributes/skills:

- Strength enough to carry candles/crosses
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to manage steps easily
- Willingness to work as part of a team.

Training relevant to the role will be provided.

Please note this opportunity is only open to members of the congregation who have been worshipping with us regularly for at least six months.

We welcome applications from young people over the age of 11 (year 7).

To request an application pack please contact the Volunteers Officer Michelle Ford by emailing michelle.ford@southwark.anglican.org or calling 020 7367 6739

Please note due to the historical nature of our building we regret that we are currently unable to involve wheelchair users as servers.

Waterloo Food Bank News

Thank you to all the people who generously bring contributions for the food bank to the Cathedral Shop. This year we have added 105kg to the Foodbank store.

Current Food Needs

Cereals, tinned meats (eg stew, hot dogs), UHT full cream milk, fruit juice, tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned puddings, teabags, instant coffee.

Tea & Toast

We now offer tea/coffee and toast to those who call by at St George the Martyr on Monday morning.

Carolathon at Waterloo Station

Singing for 12 hrs raised over £7000 for the Food Bank. Thank you to all the singers and brass players who supported the cathedral's hour!

News from Masvingo Diocese

At this season of goodwill and peace to all people, please pray for our brothers and sisters in Masvingo, Zimbabwe. There is still hope that the recent regime change may represent a new beginning, despite its close connection to the Mugabe era. Yet news has reached us that a minibus full of people in the diocese of Masvingo has been shot at for no apparent reason, and a beer festival in the area interrupted by members of the army who apparently randomly assaulted people - painful reminders of life under the old order. Please continue to pray that a proper democracy will be established and that people will be able to lead their lives in peace and without fear.



The Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overy, Southwark

In 606 a Convent was established on the south bank of the River Thames at the place from which the ferry used to cross over to the City of London. In 1106 an Augustinian Priory was established. From here they ministered to pilgrims and travellers, and to the sick and the needy of the area and the Word of God was faithfully preached and the sacraments celebrated. As part of their ministry, the Hospital of St Thomas was established (now located opposite the Houses of Parliament).

Following the Reformation, the Priory Church became a Parish Church. In many ways the building was sadly neglected but the gospel continued to be faithfully preached and the people of the parish cared for and taught. A parish school – now Cathedral School – was opened in 1704 following in the work already established in schools founded from the parish under a charter from Queen Elizabeth I.

The life, diversity and character of the area are revealed in the tombs and monuments within the church. Among them is that of John Gower (c. 1330-1408), poet and friend of Chaucer, whose *Canterbury Tales* begin in Southwark. Across the nave is a memorial to William Shakespeare, who spent much of his life in Southwark, and above it, a stained glass window depicting scenes from his plays. Edmund Shakespeare, John Fletcher and Philip Massinger are all buried in the Cathedral. Lancelot Andrewes, who translated the first five books of the Bible into English, is buried by the High Altar. He is a founding father of the Church of England. In the grounds is buried Mahomet, Chief of the Mohegan Tribe from New England and a memorial to him can be found in the churchyard.

Today in old and new buildings, this Cathedral continues to serve the people of its parish and the people of the diocese, to be a centre of teaching, of worship, prayer and pilgrimage; a place of inclusive welcome for all people. This continues to be a place of major regeneration and change as Bankside has once again become a residential area, a playground for London and a place where the arts are celebrated, as well as a growing centre for political, financial and legal decision making. Southwark Cathedral is the constant factor in an ever changing and exciting community in which we continue to proclaim a gospel of radical engagement with God and the world.

We therefore welcome you to this holy place which is both ancient and modern. Together we continue to serve the people of this area - those who are passing through, crossing the river, making a new home, coming to work or simply here to enjoy themselves – and the people who live here, in much the same way as our forebears did and with all those who have gone before us we do it all from a place of praise and worship of Almighty God.

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