

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

The First Sunday of Christmas



Sunday 31 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 Psalms 105. 1–11; Isaiah 63. 7–9; Ephesians 3. 5–12

Officiant The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

9.00am Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

Readings Isaiah 61. 10 – 62. 3; Galatians 4. 4–7; Luke 2. 15–21

Preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

9.30am Eucharist – St Hugh's

11.00am Choral Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

President Canon Wendy Robins

Preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

Setting in F · *Harold Darke*

Stand

Entrance Hymn

NEH 39

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| 1 | Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation. | 2 | Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he all men surpasses. |
| 3 | Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
And all the little boys he killed
At Bethlem in his fury. | 4 | Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us. |

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.

Latin, 15th century
Translated by Percy Dearmer

Sit **First Reading**
Isaiah 61. 10 – 62. 3

Read by Malcolm Baines.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Advent Prose

Second Reading

Galatians 4. 4–7

Read by Morag Todd.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Stand Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Sentence

The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib.

Gospel

Luke 2. 15–21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Sit **Sermon**
The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

Chorale Prelude

Sit **Intercessions**

Led by Sandra Elsom.

Offertory Anthem

Infant holy, infant lowly · *arranged by David Willcocks*

Stand **Offertory Hymn**
NEH 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
 The Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
 His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
 The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
 The Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
All tongues and people own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

William Chatterton Dix

Stand Eucharistic Prayer
Prayer A

Communion Anthem
Nativity carol · *John Rutter*

Stand Final Hymn
NEH 36

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went:

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

Traditional

3.00pm Choral Evensong – Southwark Cathedral

Preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

Readings Jeremiah 23. 1–6; Colossians 2. 8–15

Setting in C · *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Responses Bernard Rose

Psalm 148

Anthem In the bleak mid-winter · *Harold Darke*

Hymns 21; 26

6.00pm Compline – Southwark Cathedral

Prayers

All those for whom prayers have been asked this week:

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.

Mission allocation partners for January

Nepal Leprosy Trust / Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal

Rescuing children with Leprosy, earthquake relief support.

London HIV Chaplaincy

Primary purpose: to help people live with the complexity of HIV, especially those who have been damaged/abused by faith communities.

Today

Welcome

to *Poscimur* who are singing today's Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong.

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

Tuesday to Friday

Regular Services

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Eucharist
12.30pm Midday Prayer
12.45pm Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer
(Evensong on Wednesday)

Monday 1 January and Saturday 6 January

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 7 January Epiphany

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Eucharist

Preacher: Canon Leanne Roberts,
Treasurer

9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's

11.00am Choral Eucharist with the Presentation of the Gifts

Preacher: Canon Leanne Roberts,
Treasurer

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: Canon Dr Mandy Ford,
Chancellor

6.00pm Traditional Rite Eucharist

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

Tuesday 9 January

3.15pm

Music Recital

by Joanna Gutowska, cello.

Sunday 14 January

10.30am

Youth Xpress

We are a fun friendly group for 11–18 year-olds. We love new members...and our regulars of course! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the John Trevor Williams Room. We're exploring our faith through the 'Youth Emmaus' course, which looks amazing so come and join us if you can!

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 last week's 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.

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.

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!

Nativity Figures

Our crib features nativity figures created by children from a number of Diocesan schools. They 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.

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.

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.

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.

Cathedral Shop and Refectory **OPEN DAILY**

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