

FRIENDS NEWS



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READY TO SPEAK

From Jay Colville, Canon Missioner

It has been a delight to be welcomed as the new Canon Missioner of Southwark Cathedral. As one of the Diocesan Residentiary Canons, I have the enviable challenge of seeking a 'work/life balance' which includes cathedral worship, ministry, diocesan mission and travel, combined with periods of rest and study.

The last six months have been a steep learning curve, but I have been helped by my colleagues, the vergers, congregation and our bishops. I've got to know some of the congregation better by sharing a visit to our 'twin' cathedral in Bergen and by joining in with the Robes Sleep Out. Often, on Sundays, I am preaching at churches around the diocese, but I enjoyed celebrating Christmas at Southwark and deaconing for Bishop Christopher as he celebrated Midnight Mass! Cathedral liturgy and worship can seem complicated, but I draw upon some of my experiences as a choirboy when I toured the cathedrals of England with a parish church choir. We sang residencies for the cathedral choirs while they took their holiday.

One of my roles is to enable the mission, not only of the diocese, but also of the cathedral. The cathedral already has a clear ethos, and in your Dean and Chapter, lay and ordained have a clear idea of who we want to become. I am mindful of this, and don't want to



impose my ideas on to a culture which is well established. Nonetheless, we recognise that our culture and context is not static, but changing. Therefore, I believe part of my role is to join with Friends and colleagues in reading the signs of change and seeing the opportunities to engage our culture in the life and worship of Christ.

Sensitivity and understanding are required as we welcome and witness to our faith. Yet, I believe we are equipped by God's Spirit to make a positive impact on our culture today. We do this through word and deed. We can do this by celebrating some of the stories..... of life and faith that (unsung) people are demonstrating. I look forward to learning of these stories and sharing them with others. Encouraging all in life and faith is the role of a Canon Missioner I believe. One of my guiding verses from the Bible comes from 1 Peter 3.15. He says (and I paraphrase slightly) "Always be ready to speak of the hope that is in you, but do so with gentleness and respect..." I hope that we, as Friends of..... the Cathedral may rise to this challenge and calling. I look forward to joining you in this.

PROGRAMME 2019

8 January at 10am
Tour of the British Library Anglo Saxons
exhibition – fully booked

12 January at 11am
Views of London – illustrated talk with
Guy Rowston

2 March at 11.00am
Balloonmania Belles talk with author
Sharon Wright

4 March at 3.00pm
Westminster Abbey

10 April at 6.15pm
Tour of the Cathedral

2-5 May
Friends trip to Assisi with Canon
Michael Rawson – fully booked

8 May at 11am
Tour of the Old Bailey, Royal Courts of Justice
and Lincoln's Inn Fields

11 May at 2.30pm
Annual General Meeting

8 June - 10.30am-4.00pm
Open Gardens Squares Weekend with
Friends Pop-Up cafe

18 September at 11.15am
Tour of Winchester Cathedral followed by
St Cross Hospital for tour and tea

4 October at 6.45pm
Quiz Night

29 November – 1 December
Christmas Market

1 December @ 5.00pm
Advent Tea and Carol Service

BALLOONAMANIA BELLES 2 March



Award-winning journalist, Sharon Wright, has recently published a book revealing the hair-raising adventures of the feisty female ballooning heroines of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of these early flights began here in Southwark. Sharon will give an illustrated talk revealing the astonishing stories of the fabulous female pioneers of balloon flight.

The talk will begin at 11am with coffee available from 10.50. A light lunch will be served after the talk. This promises to be an enlightening and light-hearted look at an unusual topic – Sharon is entertaining and passionate about her subject and there will be certainly be some laughs.

“More than a century before the first aeroplane women were heading for the

heavens in crazy, inspired contraptions that could bring death or glory and all too often, both. Women were in the vanguard of the Balloonmania craze that took hold in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and swept across Europe then the world. Their exploits were a vital element of our first voyages into the sky. When women's options were often severely limited by law and convention they managed to join the exhilarating quest for spectacle, adventure and danger among the clouds. Many of the brightest stars of this extraordinary era of human flight were women. From the perilous ascent in 1784 by feisty French teenager Elisabeth Thible, female aeronauts have never looked back or down. Who were these brave women who took to the air when it was such an incredibly dangerous and scandalous thing to do?"

Tickets: £9.50

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

4 March



Recently Westminster Abbey has opened 'The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries' and the Friends of Southwark Cathedral have been invited to take a visit as guests of the Abbey.

The Galleries are located in the beautiful 13th century triforium, 16 metres (52 feet) above the floor of the Abbey. They display the Abbey's greatest treasures and tell the story of their thousand-year history.

Your journey will begin at the Weston Tower and you will be able to enjoy the amazing views of the Palace of Westminster and the medieval Chapter House on your way up. (A lift is available for those with reduced mobility.)

After the Gallery visit you will have time to visit the abbey and perhaps have tea before attending Choral Evensong at 5.00pm (seats will be reserved for us).

Tickets for this event are strictly limited and booking in advance is essential. We ask for a donation of £15 to attend which will give access to the Galleries and Abbey.

TOUR OF THE CATHEDRAL

10 April

This will be an evening for Friends and their guests to enjoy the Cathedral after hours and have a general history tour with one of our Cathedral Guides. There are so many stories to tell and always so much to learn. Choral Evensong will be at 5.30pm and we will begin shortly afterwards meeting by the Font for a short reception before beginning the tour.

Tickets: £10.50 – Friends £11.50 Guests

VISIT TO ASSISI

with Canon Michael Rawson

2-5 May

This trip is now fully booked

OLD BAILEY

8 May



This trip will be covering both the Old Bailey and the Royal Courts of Justice. It starts at 11am, when visitors meet outside the Royal Courts of Justice, for a short introduction to the Court. Once inside the building visitors are shown the legal costume exhibition, before being taken into Court 4 (space permitting), where the Lord Chief Justice sits. Groups usually stay for about half-an-hour in court, listening to a criminal appeal. From the Court, the group moves on to Lincoln's Inn Fields, for a brief talk about Lincoln's Inn, where many of the country's top barristers have their chambers.

The tour finishes at the Old Bailey, where visitors are given a talk about the history of the court. Each person is provided with an exclusive typed guide to the Old Bailey. This includes a complete run-down of every case

on in the 18 courts, enabling visitors to make an informed choice of which cases to see. The Old Bailey hears more murder trials than any other court in the country.

Groups arrive at the Old Bailey by about 1pm. Lunch can then be taken. The court opens for its afternoon session at 2pm, when visitors can take their pick of the criminal cases on. It is entirely up to you how long you stay in court. The Old Bailey courts rise between 4 and 4.30pm.

Tickets: £22 – Friends £23 – Guests

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

18 September



Friends will make their own way to Winchester to enable everyone to travel in the way they prefer. We will congregate at the Cathedral main entrance 11.15 ready for our tour at 11.30am. After the tour there will be time for people to have lunch following which we will meet up again ready to walk to St Cross for a tour and tea.

Cost to include guided tours of the Cathedral and St Cross and tea (not including travel and lunch): £20

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FRIENDS

We're always looking out for people to help with a range of tasks particularly offering hospitality at various events like the Consecration of Bishops, Confirmation Services and so on. Also events like the Open Gardens Squares pop-up café and the Christmas Market do require plenty of us. If you have some free time when you could help make and serve refreshments, stuff some envelopes for a mailing or help organise some social/fundraising events for the Friends please contact the office and we can arrange to meet up and chat through ideas.

PROVIDING SUPPORT

As you know the Friends provides support to the Cathedral in a host of different ways. In the past year the Trustees have approved grants for a number of different projects one of which was the Girl's Choir tour to Paris which took place in July. The girls have sent some reports to let us know how much they enjoyed themselves.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL GIRLS' CHOIR SUMMER TOUR 2018

At the beginning of the summer earlier in 2018, the girls' choir of Southwark Cathedral went on tour to Paris. For many, it was their first tour and we were all very excited! We

sang two concerts and two evensongs in two very different churches. The first was an enormous church with three organs and an amazing acoustic. We all greatly enjoyed looking around and witnessing a fearless organ battle between our organist Mr Hughes and Mr Disley! The second church we sang in was much smaller and older but just as beautiful with some amazing stained glass windows. It was fascinating hearing about its history and then singing some brilliant music there. On our last day, we went to the centre of Paris where we visited Notre Dame and went on a boat trip on the Seine. Our guides and chaperones throughout the tour were very kind and very helpful. I think we all had a wonderful time!

Rosamund Turner

I really enjoyed the tour, the food was amazing! We sang in one small church and one big church. I got to know everybody better. The coach ride was so good! I really loved the tour.

Ellah

The tour to Paris was really fun and a great chance to bond and get to know each other. My favourite part of the tour was the coach rides, they were very long but it was a chance to bond as a whole choir and reflect on the amazing trip we had been on. It was a great opportunity and I will remember it for a long time.

Rachel Greenwood

During the summer, we went on a choir tour to Paris. We performed in several grand churches in Saint Germain en Laye, which had some amazing history and enormous organs!

My favourite part of the tour was the boat trip on the last day around Paris. We also went out for a lovely dinner at a crêperie. The crêpes were amazing!

It was an amazing tour, which was greatly helped by all our hosts and chaperones. I can't wait for the next tour!

Madeleine Lockett-Green

I had never been to Paris before, so this tour was very fascinating. The journey was enjoyable because once we got into Calais we had a selection of coach songs. We ate at a crêpe restaurant on the second night. The churches that we went to were amazing and so were the organs. When we went sightseeing, Ceci and I were overwhelmed by the size of the organs at Nôtre Dame and the Sacré Coeur. Overall it was a lovely experience!

Evie Swann

It's been a great privilege to go to Paris again on choir tour, especially as I was ill the first time. Our hosts were absolutely lovely and it was amazing to get to sing in the churches we did – the first dating from 1059 and the other with the most marvellous acoustics. The audiences were especially gratifying – some of them cried and they were all very effusive in their praise. The hotel was very luxurious and the food as delicious as expected from France. The crêperie was especially good. However my favourite part was probably getting to visit central Paris on the last day. We got to go on a river tour which was very enjoyable and got to see the sights such as Nôtre Dame which was incredibly beautiful.

The tour was really fun. The food was really good. I loved the pancakes we had for dinner and Naomi (our host) was really nice and so much fun. We sang first in this little church that was really beautiful and so much fun. Then we went to this massive church where we sang Mass. It was very moving and some people cried because of our singing. It was a great experience and I will remember it for ever.

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BOOKING FORM

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Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your booking form for us to send the tickets to you.

Event	Cost of Ticket	No. of tickets	Total
Saturday 2 March at 11.00am Balloonmania Belles	£9.50	.....	.....
Monday 4 March at 2.30pm Westminster Abbey - Galleries	£15.00	.....	.....
Wednesday 10 April at 6.15pm Cathedral Tour	£10.50 (Friends) .....	.....	.....
	£11.50 (Guests) .....	.....	.....
Tuesday 8 May at 11.00am Old Bailey tour	£22.00 (Friends) .....	.....	.....
	£23.00 (Guests) .....	.....	.....
	TOTAL	.....	.....

Cheques should made payable to 'The Friends of Southwark Cathedral'.
We regret we are unable to refund money on returned tickets unless we are able to sell your ticket to someone else at least two weeks prior to the event.

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