# SOUTHWARK • CATHEDRAL •

# The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1 September 2019

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 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. 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, Linda or Daniel, near the doors to the Link after the service. They have a sign saying 'Contactless Offering'.

You can also donate to the Cathedral by texting SWKC19£amount you wish to give to 70070

# 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 and YouthXpress are on holiday. This term Youth Xpress will be meeting on the first and third Sundays of the month. The first meeting for JuniorXpress will be 8 September; YouthXpress will start its term on 15 September.

# Following the Choral Eucharist tea and coffee are served.

**E Newsletter.** Sign up on our website to receive the latest news from the Cathedral. Your details will only be used by Southwark Cathedral and you can unsubscribe at any time.

### Listen up!

Sermons delivered in the Cathedral are available as text from southwarkcathedral.org.uk/ worship-and-music/worship/sermons/, together with a pdf of this weekly sheet. They can also be downloaded from iTunes by searching for Southwark Cathedral Sermons.

### Keep in touch

southwarkcathedral.org.uk twitter: @southwarkcathed facebook: /southwarkcathedral 020 7367 6700

# A Safe Church

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

Matthew Knight matthew.knight@southwark. anglican.org 020 7367 6726

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Helen Quintrell hmqmc3@gmail.com

Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

### **Cathedral Listeners**

Two people are available every week in the Retrochoir after the 11am Choral Eucharist, to offer a confidential listening ear in a friendly and informal environment. This is an opportunity for pastoral care rather than counselling.

They can be identified by a blue ribbon and Cathedral badge and will be available for 45 minutes after the service. Everyone is welcome to use this service and to make it known to others.

# **Today's Services**

# 8.30am Morning Prayer – Southwark Cathedral

**Officiant** The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean **Readings** Psalms 119. 161–end; Ecclesiasticus 11. 18–28; Revelation 3. 14–22

# 9.00am Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

**Preacher** The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean **Readings** Proverbs 25. 6–7; Hebrews 13. 1–8, 15, 16; Luke 14. 1, 7–14

# 9.30am Eucharist - St Hugh's

Preacher Caroline Clifford, Reader

# 11.00am Choral Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

President Canon Gilly Myers, Precentor
Preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean
Choir Merbecke Choir
Setting Missa Brevis in D · Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

# Stand Entrance Hymn

NEH 436

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King. Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same for ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him; Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

#### Sit First Reading

Proverbs 25. 6-7

Read by Malcolm Baines.

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord

#### All Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 112

At the beginning the response is played by the organist, sung by the choir and then sung by the congregation. It is sung once by all at **R** below.



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R** 

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R** 

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **R** 

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. **R** 

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **R** 

#### Second Reading

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15, 16

Read by Kristin Ruby.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

l will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord

#### All Thanks be to God.

#### Stand Gospel Acclamation

#### **Gospel Sentence**

The least among all of you is the greatest, says the Lord.

**Gospel** Luke 14. 1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Sit Sermon The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

#### **Chorale Prelude**

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (BWV 638) • Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Sit Intercessions

Led by Francis Hiller.

#### **Offertory Anthem**

O God, thou art my God · Henry Purcell

#### Stand Offertory Hymn

CP 305 (tune Abridge NEH 64)

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known: alive among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one.

Brian Wren

Stand Eucharistic Prayer Prayer G

#### **Communion Anthem**

Ave verum corpus · William Byrd

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind: from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood; give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food. Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

#### Stand Final Hymn NFH 362

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Sion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode: On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove: Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age. Saviour, if of Sion's city I through grace a member am, Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name: Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show; Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Sion's children know.

John Newton

# 3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher Canon Jay Colwill, Missioner Choir Merbecke Choir Readings Isaiah 33. 13–22; John 3. 22–36 Setting in A flat · Basil Harwood Responses Bernard Rose Psalm 119. 81–88 Hymns NEH 114\*; NEH 391 Anthem Seek him that maketh the seven stars · Jonathan Dove

#### Hymn

NEH 114\*

Now is eternal life, If risen with Christ we stand, In him to life reborn, And holden in his hand; No more we fear death's ancient dread, In Christ arisen from the dead. For God, the living God, Stooped down to our estate; By death destroying death, Christ opened wide life's gate: He lives, who died; he reigns on high; Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine, Reign thou within my heart; From thee nor depth nor height, Nor life nor death can part; Our life is hid with God in thee, Now and through all eternity.

George Wallace Briggs

#### Hymn

NEH 391

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort To enrol thee: E'en eternity's too short To extol thee.

George Herbert

# 6.00pm Traditional Rite Eucharist

See separate booklet.

# **Prayers**

# All those for whom prayers have been asked this week

Ada Wilson-Jones, Alex Whindle, Alison, Lascelles Alexander, Andrew McCall, Angie Brown, Angus McLeod, Ann, Brenda Bartlett, Brian Kendall, Charlotte Davis, Christine Jenkins, Dinah Kormi, Elisabeth Dunman, Elizabeth Hall, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Waters, Ian Ford, Jan. Jane Lister, Jean Terrieux. Jennifer Barter, Joan Lawrence, John Noble, Kat Grimshaw, Kate Wills, Linda Scott Garnett, Naomi Shaw, Nathan Clegg, Patricia Nebbia, Robert McConnell, Sally Hollowell, Sarah Beston, Sarah Rawlins, Si Foster

# The Departed

Norah Shapton, Terry Marnell.

# Our Mission Allocation Partners for September

Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal The Hospital provides compassionate, high quality, preventative, curative and rehabilitative health care.

### African Prison Project

The Charity's vision is to empower changemakers within prisons – prisoners and prisoner staff – who will use the law to bring justice to some of the world's most vulnerable, through the Justice Changemaker programme.

More information and the latest news from our mission allocation partners: southwarkcathedral.org.uk/ community/Mission-allocation

# If you are ill or in hospital

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

# Today

# **This Week's Services**

#### Welcome to the Merbecke Choir

While the choir usually sings the service of Compline and Eucharistic Devotions on the fourth Sunday of every month, today it can be heard in the Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong.

Led by Emily Elias, the ensemble meets every week to rehearse at its Southwark Cathedral home and welcomes former choristers, students and young professionals. They sing a huge range of choral music; recent highlights include Tallis' 40-part motet Spem in alium, Bach's St John Passion and the All Night Vigil by Rachmaninov.

The choir is named after the Tudor composer, John Merbecke, who with three other companions was tried for heresy in 1543 in the Retrochoir at this very cathedral. He was found guilty and condemned to be burned at the stake. However, his sentence was commuted by Bishop Stephen Gardiner, the then Bishop of Winchester, who decided that as a mere musician Merbecke 'knew no better' and so was released to continue his music making.

You can hear the choir again on the Sundays of 22 Sep, 27 Oct, and 24 Nov at 6.00pm for Compline and Eucharistic Devotions and at their Advent Concert on Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm as they celebrate the very best in festive choral music. Tickets will be available from the Cathedral shop in due course.

More information: merbecke.org.uk or @merbeckechoir on social media.

# **Monday to Friday**

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

# Saturday 7 September

9.00am Morning Prayer 9.15am Eucharist 4.00pm Choral Evensong

# **Sunday 8 September**

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Patronal Festival

### 8.30am Morning Prayer 9.00am Eucharist

Preacher: Canon Gilly Myers, Precentor

#### **9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's** Preacher: The Reverend David Adamson, Curate

**11.00am Choral Eucharist** with the Installation of Ian Keatley as Director of Music Preacher: Canon Gilly Myers, Precentor

**3.00pm Choral Evensong** Preacher: The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

**6.00pm Service of Light** with liturgy and music from Taizé

# Things to do this week

#### Monday 2 September 11.15–11.45am **The Mothers' Union Annual Worldwide Wave of Prayer Service**

in the Harvard Chapel. All are welcome to attend this short service of worship and intercessions led by the Cathedral and St Hugh's Branch for our Mothers' Union's International Link Dioceses.

#### 1.10pm Organ Recital

Benjamin Newlove, Assistant Organist at St Michael's, Cornhill.

Tuesday 3 September 3.15pm **Cello Recital** 

Tamaki Sugimoto, Royal College of Music

Tuesday 3 September 7.00pm **Dominion: The Making of a Western** 

# Mind – A Talk by Tom Holland

Join us as acclaimed historian and best-selling author Tom Holland explains why Christianity is the most enduring and influential legacy of the ancient world.

<u>Tickets:</u>  $\pounds 6-\pounds 8$ , from Eventbrite or the Cathedral Shop

#### Saturday 7 September 6.30pm **Mozart Requiem**

The All Saints Chorus & Orchestra presents Mozart's well-loved *Requiem Mass* together with his motet Ave Verum Corpus and Beethoven's 8th Symphony. This concert celebrates the choir's 25th anniversary in aid of the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund. <u>Tickets:</u> £35–10, from bit.ly/2HCMPC6 <u>More information:</u> allsaintschorus.org

# Sunday 8 September 12.30pm

### The Mothers' Union Cake Sale

Join us in the South Transept after the Choral Eucharist to buy some cake or bread to have with your coffee in support of the work of our Mothers' Union. Bread Ahead Bakery and our own LEAFI Café have both generously donated to this cause.

All donations of home-made cakes or biscuits are very welcome from anyone in the clergy, staff or congregation. Please speak to Heather, Jill, Stella or any MU Member to pledge your donated baked goods. Please list ingredients eg sugar, milk, flour, eggs etc which could cause an allergic reaction.

# 6-9 September Visit From Bergen Cathedral

We have enjoyed a link with Bergen Cathedral for many years. We are very pleased therefore, that visitors from Bergen Cathedral will be joining us at Southwark next weekend.

Come and meet our friends at the following occasions:

#### Friday 6 September 6.30pm **Bring-and-Share Meal**

hosted by Michael Rawson at his house. If you have been on a recent pilgrimage to Bergen and would like to join and welcome our guests, please contact Andrew Viner. Numbers are strictly limited.

#### Saturday 7 September Visit to Greenwich

Members of the congregation, their friends and family are all welcome to join us and our Norwegian guests on a day out in Greenwich. Bring your own picnic and travel by Thames Clipper. No need to book, but the day will be challenging for the mobility impaired, so if you have any enquiries please contact Andrew Viner.

# Sunday 8 September 11.00am

#### Worship, Cakes and Presentation

Our guests from Bergen will be joining us for the Choral Eucharist followed by the Mothers' Union Cake Sale and a presentation at 1.30pm on Southwark's links with Masvingo in the JTW Room. All members of the congregation are invited to join and enjoy the presentation and fellowship with our friends.

More information: andrew@ andrewviner.co.uk

# Future Events and Services

### Thursday 12 September The 25th Anniversary Celebrations of The Society of Catholic Priests

You are warmly invited to join in the celebrations at the Cathedral. SCP was established in the Diocese of Southwark in 1994 to support women and men in priestly orders.

### 12.00pm

### **Concelebrated Eucharist**

Preacher: The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell

### 3.00pm

#### Service of Recommitment and Renewal

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jennifer Cooper

# Friday 4 October **The Friends' Quiz Night**

A fun evening of a traditional quiz set in the beautiful Nave of the Cathedral.

<u>Tickets:</u> £17.50 for one / £125 for a table of up to eight, either via the Friends office or Eventbrite.

# **General Notices**

# We are recruiting: Part-time Verger

We have an opportunity to join our dedicated team of vergers to uphold the dignity of worship in the Cathedral, to care for its security and to welcome all who enter it. The Vergers play an important part in ensuring the proper functioning of the Cathedral as a place of worship and for the many other roles and activities which it serves.

For full details and to complete the application process, please visit southwarkcathedral.org/about/ job-vacancies/

### Youth Xpress

will now be meeting on first and third Sundays of the month. Their first meeting this term will be 15 September.

# Thanks to Angela Wright

for creating the Cocoon which has been in the Herb Garden since the London Festival of Architecture. The Cocoon will now be dismantled. It created an amazing space for meditation and prayer. Angela has brought us so much of her art over the last few years and we are grateful to her for the wonderful, gentle, thoughtful creations that she weaves for us.

#### **New Director of Music**

Today is Ian Keatley's first day in his new post as Director of Music. Ian has come from Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, where he has been the Organist and Director of Music. We are delighted that he has moved to be with us in Southwark, and extend to him a very warm welcome.

lan's installation will take place next Sunday, on the first Sunday of the new choir year, at the 11.00 am Choral Eucharist. The service, sung by the Great Choir, will be followed by refreshments for everyone in the South Transept together with the MU cake sale.

# Congratulations to Molly Budd and Simon Allatt

who have been recommended for Ordination. Molly will begin her training at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield in September.

Simon Allatt will begin his training at Westcott House, Cambridge. John Henry continues with his second year of studies at Ripon College, Cuddesdon.

Please remember Molly, Simon and John in your prayers.

### Welcome to ordinands from St Mellitus College on placement

It is great to have Lotwina Farodoye and Charlie Bell on placement with us for the coming academic year. We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

#### Southwark Cathedral Café

A month ago we welcomed our new catering partner, Leafi, to the cathedral. You will have noticed changes in the layout to what we are now calling the Café. Over the next few weeks you will see further changes as the hot menu comes on line. Please welcome new members of staff and see what is on offer. We are particularly delighted that Leafi are sourcing so many of the ingredients that they use from traders in the Borough Market. This really reduces the distance our food travels - good for the environment, good for you.

### **The Big Shift**

Good progress is being made on the Big Shift. This last week saw the move of the music library so that the new Song School is almost ready for the beginning of the choir term. Work on the Susanna Barford Room has been slightly delayed as a result of new regulations about air circulation. We are looking to early October for completion of the room. The new Chapter Room will be the last of the three spaces to be completed. We are grateful to the chair of the Finance Committee. Richard Cornwell, who has taken on the task of researching the history of the Barford family. He begins his written account of the life of the family in this way, 'This is the sad story of a family in Stuart times so closely associated with our cathedral, or St Saviour's church as it was then. Sad but at the same time successful in terms of business...... until the bubble finally burst!' We will make the full story available as soon as the research is complete.

#### Give your views to Southwark Council

Southwark Council is trying to improve its communication as a landlord with its tenants and would like your views at southwark.gov.uk/ residentinvolvement

#### **The Waterloo Foodbank**

is in need of donations. Please bring any of the following and leave with vergers or in the shop:

Instant coffee UHT milk or juices Cans of fish or tinned meats Instant rice or noodles Boxes of cereal or porridge oats

Thank you to the new volunteers who have joined us in the last weeks. We are still looking for one more person who could attend the Monday sessions for at least 2–3 times a month at St George the Martyr in Borough (9.30–11.30am).

Interested? Please contact Alice Deschampsneufs or Kristin Ruby at aliced@btinternet.com and KLRuby2006@yahoo.com.

# Pastoral Care at the Cathedral

As a Christian community we seek to support one another and keep in touch. The congregations at Southwark Cathedral come from a wide area with some living many miles away. We hope that you will understand that regrettably it is not always possible to offer the level of pastoral care that is available in a parish church. Nonetheless, we seek to offer the best care we can to our visitors, congregations, volunteers and staff. Here is what is available.

# The clergy team

is available after services at the west end of the Cathedral near the font, though there is sometimes a bit of a queue! You can make an appointment with a priest by calling 020 7367 6700.

### **Day Chaplains**

who are skilled listeners are available Mon-Sat around the Cathedral.

#### **Lay Ministers**

Heather Smith (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary) and Caroline Clifford (Reader) have a particular ministry of care and outreach and are often available after the 11am Choral Eucharist.

#### If you become housebound

there is a team of lay people and clergy who can visit with the Blessed Sacrament.

#### If you are ill

for a prolonged period or go into hospital please let us know. We may be able to arrange for a member of the Pastoral Team to visit you and add your name to the prayer list if you would like. If you are in hospital we can arrange for a Hospital Chaplain to visit you.

#### **Prayer list**

Names of those in need of prayer may be added to the Cathedral Prayer list for four weeks. At the end of this time you may request an extension. Please contact the Sub Dean.

#### **Cathedral Listeners**

are available for a confidential conversation in the Retrochoir (behind the High Altar) after the 11am Sunday Choral Eucharist.

#### Care by phone

is a way we keep in touch with those who have moved away from the Cathedral community and live further away.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

and Confession is available. Please contact the Cathedral Office 020 7367 6700 to make an appointment with a priest.

# Spiritual Direction and long term counselling

will usually be referred to others. The clergy team are happy to help you to find suitable resources.

#### Each one of us is the best resource

caring for one another and responding to each other's needs.

The Sub Dean, Canon Michael Rawson, has overall responsibility for pastoral care at the Cathedral and can be contacted on 020 7367 6700 or michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.