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The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 19 January 2020

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.

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Children and young people during the 11.00am Eucharist.

Crèche (0–4)
Queen Elizabeth Room

Junior Xpress and Youth Xpress will not be meeting today.

Following the Choral Eucharist tea and coffee are served.

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

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Two people are available every week in the Retrochoir after the 11.00am 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 Canon Wendy Robins, Assistant Priest

Readings Psalm 145. 1–12; Jeremiah 1. 4–10; Mark 1. 14–20

9.00am Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Assistant Priest

Readings Isaiah 49. 1–7; 1 Corinthians 1. 1–9; John 1. 29–42

9.30am Eucharist – St Hugh's

Preacher The Reverend David Adamson, Curate

11.00am Choral Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

President The Reverend Rachel Young, Succentor

Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Assistant Priest

Setting Missa Brevis · William Walton

Stand **Entrance Hymn**

NEH 48

Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.

By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.

Latin, Prudentius
Translated by Edward Caswall

Sit **First Reading**
Isaiah 49. 1–7

Read by Odette Penwarden.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength.

The Lord says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the
end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40. 1-6

*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.*



I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;

he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. **R**

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,

who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R**

Great are the wonders you have done O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more
than I am able to express. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1. 1–9

Read by Caroline Bennett.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him
you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Stand **Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Sentence

Among you stands one whom you do not know, said John;
the one who is coming after me.

Gospel

John 1. 29–42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Sit

Sermon

Canon Wendy Robins, Assistant Priest

Chorale Prelude

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen · Johannes Brahms

Sit **Intercessions**

Led by Sarah Mann.

Offertory Anthem

Here is the little door · Herbert Howells

Stand **Offertory Hymn**

NEH 51

Hail, thou Source of every blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
In thy courts admission find.

Once far off, but now invited,
We approach thy sacred throne;
In thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of mercy shine,
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.

Basil Wood

Stand **Eucharistic Prayer**
Prayer E

Communion Anthem

The Coventry Carol · 16th century English

Stand **Final Hymn**
NEH 352

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

Matthew Bridges

Voluntary

Alla breve · Johann Sebastian Bach

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

Readings Ezekiel 2. 1–3. 4; Galatians 1. 11–24

Setting in D · George Dyson

Psalm 96

Responses Humphrey Clucas

Anthem Blessed city · Edward Bairstow

Hymn

CP 220 (tune ii *St. Thomas* NEH 14)

How beautiful are their feet,
who stand on Sion's hill,
who bring salvation on their tongues
and words of peace reveal!

How happy are our ears
that hear this happy sound,
which kings and prophets waited for,
and sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes
that see this heavenly light,
prophets and kings desired it long,
but died without the sight!

The Lord makes bare his arm
through all the earth abroad:
let every nation now behold
their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts

Hymn

NEH 486

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the Cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns

6.00pm Service of Wholeness and Healing

See separate booklet.



Prayers

All those for whom prayers have been asked this week

Alex Whindle, Alice Hilborn, Andrew Black, Andrew McCall, Angela Stephens, Angie Brown, Angus McLeod, Belinda Manns, Beryl Charlton, Brenda Bartlett, Brian Kendall, Brian Young, Charlotte Davis, David Southwell, Dinah Kormi, Dorothy Lucas, Elisabeth Dunman, Elizabeth Hall, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Waters, Ivy Brown, Jane Kindred, Jane Lister, Jennifer Barter, Jim Callaghan, Joan Lawrence, John Kempself, John Noble, Kathrine, Kay Grimshaw, Lascelles Alexander, Linda Scott Garnett, Michael Meade, Naomi Shaw, Nathan Clegg, Owen Northwood, Patricia Lea, Patricia Nebbia, Paul Malunga, Robert Alexander, Robert McConnell, Sally Hollowell, Sarah Beston, Sarah Rawlins, Si Foster, Sylvia Clark, Tone, William Brown.

The Departed

Andrew Palmer, Erika Aichinger, Graeme Holdaway, Jac 'Pontiogo' Williams, Jean, Patrick Fan, Phyllis Still, Rosemary Benison.

Clergy away

The Missioner preaching at St Dunstan, Cheam; the Chancellor preaching at St Saviour's, Nottingham; the Precentor at Coventry Cathedral to receive the Cross of Nails; Bishop Christopher in Gaza; Bishop Jonathan and Canon Rosemary Mallett in Zimbabwe.

Our Mission Allocation Partners for January

Manna Society

Support for homeless people in Southwark; links with the Robes Project.

USPG United Society – Partners in the Gospel

An Anglican mission society supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they share.

More information and the latest news from our mission allocation partners:

[southwarkcathedral.org.uk/
community/Mission-allocation](http://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

This Week's Services

Monday to Friday

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

Saturday 25 January

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Eucharist
12.00pm Diocesan Servers' Festival Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 26 January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry

9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's

Preacher: Lotwina Farodoye, Ordinand

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

6.00pm Compline and Eucharistic Devotions

Things to do this week

Monday 20 January

11.30am-4.00pm

USPG London Regional Day

Following on from the success of previous years, USPG are holding a day for anyone interested in their work. Everyone is invited – you don't have to be an existing supporter or volunteer of USPG to attend.

Come along and meet others who have a passion for global mission and hear how USPG's world church partners are putting God's love into action – and be inspired! They hope to see you at the USPG offices, 5 Trinity Street, London SE1 1DB.

If you'd like to attend, please book your place via uspg.org.uk/regionaldays

Tuesday 21 January

3.15pm

Music Recital

Students from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music

Thursday 30 January

3.00pm

Choir Recital

by the choir of St Andrew's Scots School, a bilingual secondary school from Argentina.

Saturday 25 January

12.00pm

Annual Diocesan

Guild of Servers' Eucharist

Future Events and Services

Monday 27 January
2.30–4.00pm

Gravetalk: A space to talk about death, dying and funerals

presented by Guy's and St Thomas' Chaplaincy. There will be cake, talk and the opportunity to ask questions. Spaces are limited, so please book your place with natasha.kuler@southwark.anglican.org

Sunday 2 February
1.00pm

Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting

The Cathedral with St Hugh's Branch of the Mothers' Union will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the Queen Elizabeth Room. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 16 February
4.15pm

Pilgrim Course

Are you interested in finding out more about what Christians believe? Join the six-week Pilgrim Course leading to Baptism and Confirmation which begins in mid-February. To register your interest please contact natasha.kuler@southwark.anglican.org

Monday 9 March
7.30pm

The Licensing of the Reverend Rachel Young

The Succentor, Reverend Rachel Young, will be licensed as the Associate Vicar of Rotherham Minster. If you would like to support her and attend the service, please contact her by Sunday 16 February (rachel.young@southwark.anglican.org) so that the organisers can know how many people to anticipate. Rotherham is off Junction 33 of the M1 and there is parking on the streets and in car parks around Rotherham Minster. It is a 5 minute walk from Rotherham train station and about a 15 minute drive from Sheffield train station.

General Notices

Farewell and thank you

We are sorry that both our Succentor, the Revd Rachel Young, and our Canon Precentor, Canon Gilly Myers, will be leaving us in the next few weeks. Rachel's final Sunday is on 16 February and Gilly leaves on 1 March. We will, of course, be giving them gifts to express our appreciation for their ministry here. If you would like to contribute please give your gift to either our Wardens, Linda and Daniel, or any of the Vergers. Cheques should be made payable to Southwark Cathedral and the envelope clearly marked as for whom it is intended.

A note from your wardens on parking

We are lucky to have so many people in our congregation who travel a relatively long way to be part of our community and worship with us. We also recognise that many find it easier to travel by car. Parking is always likely to be a challenge but Borough Market has been open on Sundays throughout December and we know this has added to the problem particularly as double yellow lines were also introduced in streets close to the Cathedral.

The difficulties are appreciated and we are hopeful that some solution can be found especially for the times when the market is open on Sundays.

The year of Vision

Each term this year we are focusing our learning on one of the key words from our vision statement – Inclusive, Faithful, Radical. Last Sunday Bishop Peter Price launched our thinking about what it means to be inclusive with a wonderful sermon which you can read on the website. Look out for special preachers, events and learning opportunities over the coming weeks and months. Please use this prayer during this term.

God of inclusion,
to you no one is other
but each is known and loved.
May we value our differences,
celebrate our diversity
and seek always to include.
Amen.

Safeguarding Update

We are now completing preparations for the external Safeguarding Audit which will take place in February. We are delighted that over 370 of our staff and volunteers have shared in Safeguarding training. Others are waiting for their training session. If you haven't yet signed up please do so. Creating a safer church is the responsibility not of a few people but of all of us. The needs of our young

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people and those who are particularly vulnerable amongst us are most important, but each of us has a right to be in a safe church. Recent TV documentaries have highlighted what can go wrong when the church fails to address issues of abuse. At Southwark we seek to create a safe cathedral where everyone is valued and listened to. If you have any concerns please speak to one of the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers, Cherry James, Matthew Knight, Helen Quintrell or Jill Tilley.

Loving God,
you hold the most vulnerable
in your embrace,
you reach out to those with
greatest need
and strengthen us in our weakness.
May we build a safe church
for the youngest and the oldest,
the weakest and the most vulnerable,
the needy and the excluded.
Empower us to act with wisdom,
compassion and love
that our community may be safe for all,
a reflection of all we see
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Junior Xpress Volunteers

Junior Xpress meet weekly during the 11.00am Eucharist in school term time for worship and craft activities linked to the week's Gospel.

We are looking for new volunteers to work and minister with our JX groups. Materials for the sessions are provided and two volunteers are present for each session.

More information: The Revd Lisa Bewick (lisa.bewick@southwark.anglican.org or Canon Michael Rawson (michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

Robes Winter Night Shelter

The Robes team will be running our weekly night shelter for 11 weeks. To help our guests we would welcome donations of men's shaving products, men's deodorants and new socks and underwear. Please leave any donations with the Vergers. Thank you.

The Waterloo Foodbank

The Waterloo Foodbank needs your help to replenish its resources. They are especially looking for:

Tinned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit and also rice (500g bags), pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, porridge, long life milk, biscuits, chocolate, tea, coffee, cocoa, toiletries and household goods such as laundry powder.

Please leave your goods at the Cathedral Shop. Thank you!

The Food Bank at St. George the

Martyr needs new volunteers in respect of both the Monday sessions (9.30–11.30am) and Thursday sessions (2.30–4.30 pm). Volunteers would not be expected to commit to attending every week, once or twice a month or even less would still be helpful. Please apply by email to Alice Deschampsneufs, aliced@btinternet.com

Contactless Donation Boxes

The two new contactless units have arrived and are currently in use by the stewards after the services. These units will soon sit on their own podiums doubling as dual cash/contactless donation boxes.

Thank you to all who have supported this project.

The Community of the Cross of Nails

At the recommendation of the Unity Group, the Chapter of Southwark Cathedral has decided that the Cathedral should join the Community of the Cross of Nails (the CCN).

The CCN is a world-wide inter-denominational network of churches and other Christian organisations who share a network of common commitment to work and pray for peace, justice and reconciliation by healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference, celebrating diversity, and by building a culture of peace. It has its roots in the post-war re-building and

re-birth of Coventry Cathedral and takes as its inspiration the words of Jesus on the cross “Father forgive”.

The Bishop of Southwark, Christopher Chessun, has generously contributed to the purchase of the Cross of Nails for the Cathedral so that this can be a significant and permanent addition to the Chapel designated to St Francis of Assisi and St Elisabeth of Hungary. This chapel will have a new designation for reconciliation in our own communities here in South London. This will be the focus for the Cathedral’s membership of CCN, with a particular emphasis on the problems of youth violence and knife crime.

CCN partners engage with the challenges faced by many communities where a just and inclusive society is crucial for stability and peace.

The Cathedral has for many years enjoyed a rich and engaging link with the Cathedral in Bergen, Norway. We are therefore delighted that Bergen has also decided to join the CCN, and to do so at the same time as Southwark. We see our membership as an extension of our ecumenical work, and having Bergen as a CCN member as well as a friend will, we are sure, give added poignancy to that relationship.

The Crosses of Nails of the two cathedrals, together with a Cross of Nails for the Anglican Church in Brussels are being blessed at a service at Coventry Cathedral today. Canon

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Gilly Myers and Paul Timms (Dean's Verger) are representing Southwark and a number of members of the congregation at Southwark are attending that service.

Next Sunday, 26 January, Southwark's Cross of Nails will be blessed at our 11.00am Eucharist. The Dean of Coventry, The Very Reverend John Witcombe will preach and the Bishop of Southwark will preside. We will be joined at that service by friends from Southwark's link Cathedral in Rouen, representatives of other CCN partners and other guests. After the 9.00am service and before the 11.00am Eucharist, a presentation on the CCN will be given by John Witcombe. All are warmly invited to attend that presentation.

For further information about the CCN and Southwark's membership, please contact Andrew Viner at:

andrew@andrewviner.co.uk

Members of the CCN comprise a network of ordinary people who work to learn the things which make for peace and the skills to seek peace and to pursue it in our relationships and in our everyday lives. This is an exciting development for Southwark Cathedral and a new challenge as we go forward at the start of a new decade. A litany of reconciliation will be prayed weekly in the Cathedral by Day Chaplains and there will be opportunities to become involved by attending pilgrimages at Coventry aimed at strengthening the

purposes of the CCN and its community. Please look out for future announcements and please do ask about how to get involved with our membership.



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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.

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