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Three years on, Southwark remembers the victims of the London Bridge and Borough terror attacks

This Wednesday, Southwark will mark the third anniversary of the dreadful terrorist attacks on London Bridge and Borough, in which eight people tragically died and many more were injured or affected.

Southwark Council has been working with Southwark Cathedral to make arrangements to mark the anniversary and remember everyone affected by that tragic night. As we are still in lockdown, we cannot all gather together in person to pay our respects, and so instead have invited all those affected by the tragedy to join together for a virtual service hosted by Southwark Cathedral. This will be broadcast at 10am on Wednesday from the Cathedral's live service stream but will also be available afterwards for anyone who cannot watch at that time.

The service will include readings, prayers, and also reflections from victims' families and other figures including Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, and Cllr Peter John, Leader of Southwark Council.

Cllr John said: "We may be in lockdown but it was so important to us all to find a way to come together on the 3rd June, to make sure everyone affected by the events of that dreadful night knows they are always in our thoughts. We will never forget the loss and pain caused by those evil acts, but we also remember the bravery shown by so many that night, and the way our great city came together in the face of evil, to stand and remain united."

The Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn said : 'The third anniversary of the terrorist attack on London Bridge and the Borough Market falls at a time when we could easily be distracted by everything else that is happening. But it is right to stop and to remember the events of 3 June 2017. The memories and the pain are still around and very real for many people. I hope that together we can continue the process of healing as we stop to remember.

The council continues to work with families, victims and local people to develop plans for a permanent memorial to all those lost and harmed in the attacks, and hopes to unveil it in 2021 once the city has emerged from lockdown.

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Notes to Editors

The service which was filmed at Southwark Cathedral taking account of all the appropriate distancing will be led by the Dean, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn. Reflections on the anniversary will come from Isabel Echeverria on behalf of her brother, Ignacio Echeverría; James Hodder on behalf of his partner, Kirsty Boden and Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London. Cllr Peter John is reading a lesson and the Youth Choir from Bede House, a charity based in Rotherhithe will sing the anthem *Stronger*. The Revd Prebendary Jonathan Osborne, Senior Chaplain to the Metropolitan Police, is preaching and the Frances Goodchild, a member of the congregation will lead the Litany of Reconciliation for the Community of the Cross of Nails. The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun will pronounce God's blessing.

Wreaths will be laid at the Olive Tree which was planted in the garden of Southwark Cathedral on the first anniversary of the attack. They will be laid by the British Transport Police, The Bishop of Southwark on behalf of Borough Market and Amir Eden on behalf of the local community.

At 10.00am on Wednesday 3 June the service can be found at <https://youtu.be/eL6kIVdxRTc> and also on the Cathedral website at <https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/worship-and-music/worship/streaming-and-videos/live-service-stream/>

The Dean is available for interview on the day.