

SOUTHWARK

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Southwark Cathedral re-opens to visitors

The Dean and Chapter of Southwark Cathedral are delighted to announce that from Monday 3 August Southwark Cathedral will be fully re-opened and visitors will once again be able to come and explore this beautiful sacred space which is so full of history. This next stage of re-opening follows the successful re-opening of the Nave for Private Prayer and Public Worship.

From 3 August the visitor route around the Cathedral will include the Churchyard and the Retro Choir and Transepts as well as the nave, which remains open for Private Prayer.

A newly commissioned statue of Shakespeare sitting musing on a bench is a new feature in the Churchyard and visitors are encouraged to sit with and take a photo with the bard, using the hashtag #withthebard. Twitter: @Southwarkcathed Instagram: southwark_cathedral

The Sub Dean of Southwark, The Revd Canon Michael Rawson, said, 'We are so pleased to be able to welcome visitors to the Cathedral once again and have taken all possible precautions to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe and tranquil environment for our visitors. We very much look forward to seeing you. It is also exciting that The Café will re-open five days a week from Friday 31 July.'

Keep up to date with events at Southwark Cathedral here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/southwark-cathedral-35795829>

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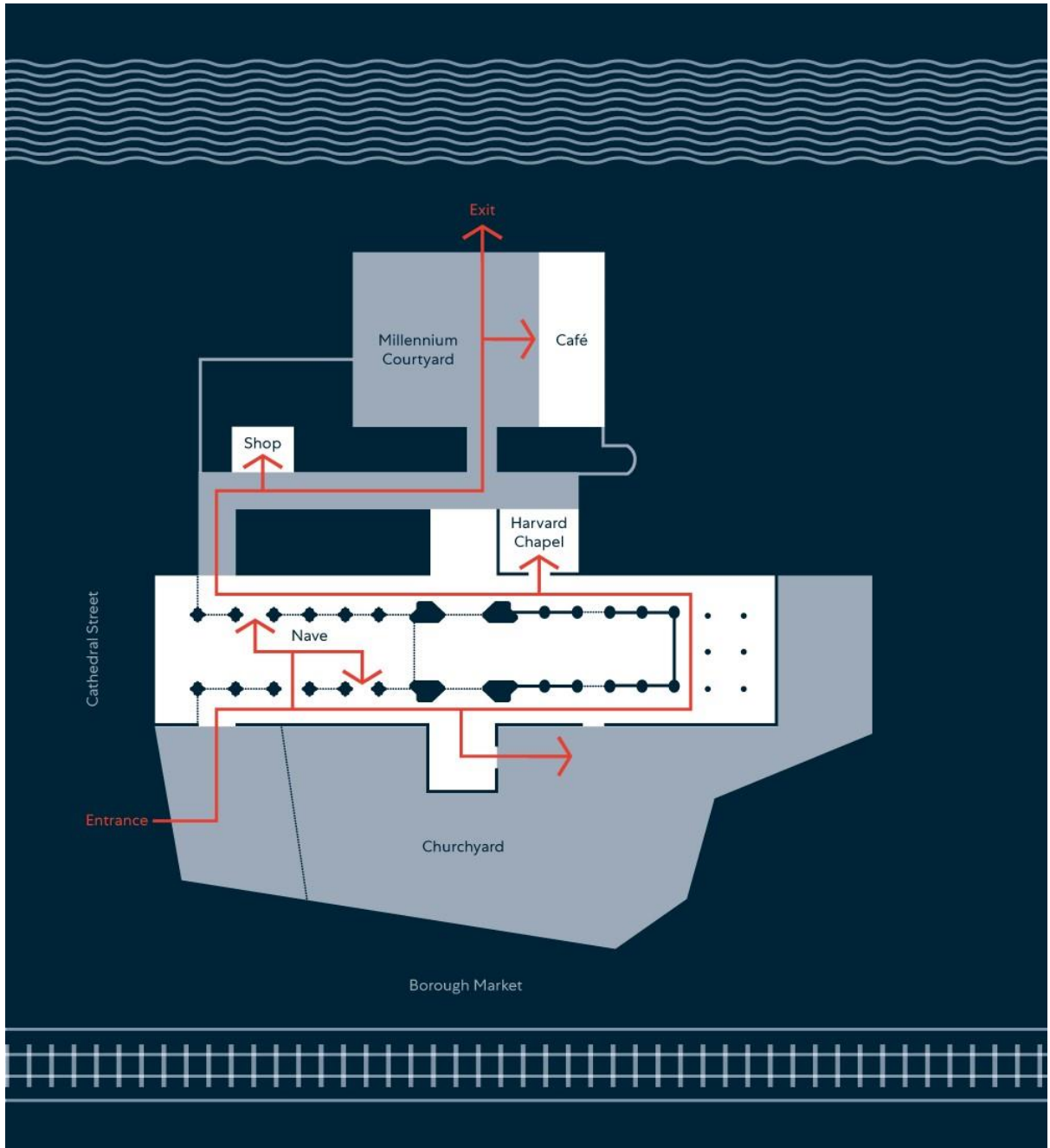
- Opening hours for the Cathedral are from 10am – 3pm Monday – Saturday and 10 – 4pm on Sunday until September.
- Limited worship will continue throughout August
 - Monday – Saturday Midday Prayer at 12.30pm followed by the Eucharist at 12.45p,
 - Sunday 11am and 3pm Service
- It is anticipated that the full programme of worship will re-start in September
- Collecting details for track and trace for those attending services will apply
- A one-way route and designated entrance and exit points are in place. Please see the map below.
- Hourly prayers will be read by the Chaplains
- Photo permits will be available for purchase from the Welcome Desk upon entry
- The Café is open to the public from Friday 31st July and is then open each Wednesday to Sunday. Opening hours are 10am-4.30pm Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

How are we keeping visitors safe?

We are committed to the continued well-being of all those who visit, work and worship at Southwark Cathedral.

In our on-going efforts to assist our community in preventing the spread of COVID-19, we have implemented the following enhanced protocols and procedures you will notice during your time with us.

- A designated entrance, at the Churchyard gates on Bedale Street and designated exit through the Millennium Courtyard on Montague Close
- A one-way route through the Cathedral that reinforces physical distancing guidelines
- A limit to the number of people in the Cathedral at one time – please note you may be asked to queue
- The provision of hand sanitizer stations throughout the site
- Freely available toilet facilities to promote frequent handwashing
- Card and contactless only payment facilities
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of touchpoints including handles, rails, seating and toilet facilities



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