

# FRIENDS **NEWS**

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## GLORIOUS MUSIC

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Having been installed as the new Canon Precentor on 31st January, I was delighted to have been asked by Kate Dean to write this short piece for the Friends' newsletter to introduce myself.

I was born and grew up in Hong Kong. My parents ran a management and advertising consultancy company in the Far East at the time. My background is Chinese/Thai and Middle Eastern, and I spent most of my childhood and early teenage years in East Asia. My family subsequently moved to the UK when I was ten, and I continued to study in this country before training for ordination at St Stephen's House in Oxford. I served my curacy in a former mining town in the Diocese of Sheffield before moving to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, as Minor Canon, Succentor and School Chaplain, undertaking similar responsibilities to that of the Precentor's role now. I have always been a keen musician and singer, enjoying frequent visits to the Royal Opera House and the ENO, and I have a particular interest in the interface between theology and music. I also enjoy cookery, reading contemporary fiction, and my Jack Russell terrier, Bertie. I, together of course with my partner Lloyd, who is a regular member of the Cathedral congregation, much look forward to getting to know the Friends in the months and years to come.

I hope that many of you will have been able to watch the online stream of the Installation Service on 31st January. It was a special and memorable occasion – and made all the more



so by the wonderful music, accompanied by timpani and trumpets which you, as the Friends, so generously sponsored. So many of my friends and family wrote afterwards to say how they had been moved to tears by the glorious music. Thank you so much for your kind support, which contributed to the Installation being such an uplifting service and a tremendous start to my ministry here in Southwark – even in the midst of the rigours of lockdown. I shall so look forward to becoming more involved with all that you do as the Friends of Southwark Cathedral.

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## RE-OPENING THE CATHEDRAL

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of the road map to take us out of the present lockdown and beyond the Chapter has been able to agree a plan for

reopening the Cathedral. Whilst we are clear that it is 'data rather than dates' which will drive the way forward, the Chapter wanted to be able to plan for the immediate future. We share the Government's hope that this will be the last lockdown and want what we put in place to be irreversible.

We have therefore decided the Cathedral will reopen for public worship and private prayer on Palm Sunday, 28 March. The rationale for this is two-fold. First, given that schools reopen on 8 March we want to see the effect on the levels of infection that this has. In accord with the policy of 'wait and see' we believe this is prudent. Secondly, the 'Rule of 6' is reintroduced from 29 March and so it is much easier for people then to meet others, in the Courtyard, after our services, and we know this is what the congregation likes to do.

Having made the decision we are now in a position to put plans in place and to invite volunteers to come back to play their roles. The shop and the café will of course reopen as permitted by the national road map.

We, of course, remain committed to a streaming services from the Cathedral so those unable to be with us in-person can share in Holy Week and Easter and beyond. We are delighted we can be joined by Dr Paula Gooder, Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral and our Holy Week Preacher. Paula is an amazing writer, teacher and preacher. Full details of the Holy Week programme can be found below.

We are grateful to you all for your support during these periods of lockdown. We pray that God will bless our plans.

## Holy Week - *Journey through the Passion*

Holy Week and Easter Day are some of the most important days in the Christian year. Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, the faithful have marked the events of each day, following Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the day we call Palm Sunday, through to the momentous events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the sheer desolation of Holy Saturday, as the Church waits by the tomb, and the joy of Easter Day as the Church celebrates the triumph of God's love in Christ.

This year, as the coronavirus pandemic continues, our keeping of Holy Week and of the Triduum – the great Three Days commemorating Christ's passion, death and resurrection – will be different. The restrictions and guidelines currently in place mean some of the powerful symbols of this week, such as the Palm Sunday procession and the foot washing on Maundy Thursday, will not be able to happen. However, following last year's Holy Week in full lockdown, it is a joy that the Cathedral will be re-opening on Palm Sunday and that we shall be able to keep Holy Week together as far as possible. Please go to the Cathedral's Eventbrite site to book free tickets for the main Holy Week services. We shall also be live-streaming these services. We hope that, whether in person or online, you will travel with us, keeping this holy time together.

We are delighted we be sharing in worship this year with our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Christopher Chessun, who will be presiding at the principal liturgies of the week. He will

also be presiding at the Chrism Eucharist on the morning of Maundy Thursday, at which the clergy will be invited to renew their ordination promises and the holy oils blessed. We are equally delighted we shall be joined by Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, as our Holy Week preacher. Paula is a renowned writer, teacher and broadcaster, and we much look forward to all that she has to share with us.

How to join us online or how to register to attend a service

Services marked with a \* will be streamed on our website and Facebook and You Tube platforms.

Services marked with a † are ticketed. Please book free tickets via the Cathedral's Eventbrite site.

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## PROGRAMME FOR HOLY WEEK:

### 28 March - Palm Sunday

8.30 \*Morning Prayer – online and in person

9.00 Palm Sunday Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms and Reading of the Passion – in person only

11.00 \*Palm Sunday Choral Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms and Reading of the Passion - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

15.00 Choral Evensong with our Holy Week preacher: Paula Gooder - in person only.



18.00 \*Night Prayer (Compline) – Including an introduction to the week from Paula Gooder - online only

### 29 March - Holy Monday

9.00 \*Morning Prayer – online and in person

12.30 Midday Prayer - in person only

12.45 \*Eucharist and Address - online and in person

17.30 Choral Evensong - in person only

19.00 \*† Journey through the Passion: Readings and addresses as well as incorporating Night Prayer (Compline) led by Paula Gooder - Online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

### 30 March - Holy Tuesday

9.00 \*Morning Prayer – online and in person

12.30 Midday Prayer – in person only

12.45 \*Eucharist and Address – online and in person

17.30 Choral Evensong – online only

19.00 \*† Journey through the Passion: Readings and addresses led by Paula Gooder as well as incorporating Night Prayer (Compline). Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

**31 March - Holy Wednesday**

9.00 \*Morning Prayer – online and in person

12.30 Midday Prayer – in person only

12.45 \*Eucharist and Address – online and in person

17.30 Choral Evensong – in person only

19.00 \*† Journey through the Passion: Readings and addresses led by Paula Gooder as well as incorporating Night Prayer. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

**1 April - Maundy Thursday**

9.00 \*Morning Prayer - online and in person

11.00 \*† Chrism Eucharist - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

17.30 Evening Prayer - in person only

18.30 \*† Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Watch of the Passion until 21.00 - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

**2 April - Good Friday**

9.00 \*Morning Prayer - online and in person

12.00 Stations of the Cross for Good Friday – online only

13.30 \*† Liturgy for Good Friday - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

16.00 Evening Prayer - in person only

20.00 \*Night Prayer – online only

**3 April - Easter Eve**

9.00 \*Morning Prayer - online and in person

16.00 Evening Prayer - in person only

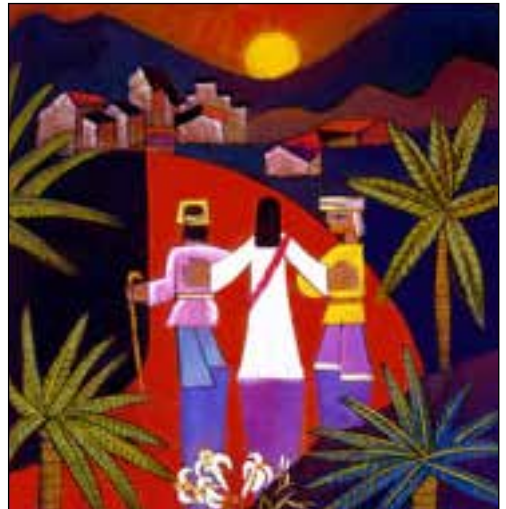
20.00 \*† Easter Vigil - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.

**4 April - Easter Sunday**

8.30 \*Morning Prayer - online and in person

9.00 Easter Sunday Eucharist - in person only

11.00 \*† Easter Sunday Choral Eucharist - online and in person. Registration required if attending this service at the Cathedral.



15.00 Choral Evensong - in person only

18.00 \*Night Prayer – online only

If you can't join us at the Cathedral there are a number of different ways for you to join us online. You can view services direct from the website, or our YouTube page. Alternatively you may wish to join our friendly and

welcoming online congregation at our Facebook page.

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## PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY



Last year we planned to walk from Southwark to Canterbury at the end of May. With all the happenings of 2020 we expected to delay to May 2021. With the uncertainty it seems best to put this on hold again and revisit how we might undertake this pilgrimage later in the year. In addition we will put together some walks. I have a mailing list of people who are interested in both the pilgrimage to Canterbury and shorter walks which we will undertake on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to this list please let me know. I will need either an email address or a postal address.

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## YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Receiving your newsletter by email. We are now sending out the Friends notifications via mailchimp. This is in addition to hard copies if that is preferred. If you would like to be added to the mailing list and have not let us know already, please email me - kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org and I will place you

on the address list for future mailings. This is an effective way to have short notice updates which we may not be able to post in adequate time. However, we will continue to produce a regular newsletter in hard copy format.

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## WALK THIS WAY

The Friends are presenting a series of virtual London 'walks' with our friend Guy Rowston. Bring a cup of coffee, your favourite piece of cake and join us for a relaxing 'walk'! Booking is via the Eventbrite link detailed below and is open exclusively to the Friends, the first two walks are free of charge



### **Camden Town - Saturday 20 March, 11am**

A small village which became an industrial hub where railways and canal met, an engine shed which became an arts centre, stables which are one of London's tourist attractions, pianos were built, Marie Lloyd sang naughty songs, the Goon Show was recorded and the complicated rules of Mornington Crescent were created. John Singer Sergeant painted pictures here and became fascinated by the Camden Town murder.

Book tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-town-tickets-141531112367>



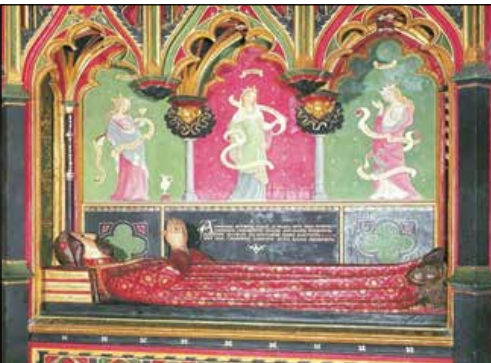
### Let's all go down the Strand Saturday 17 April, 11am

A rampaging elephant, two royal residences, two murders, a world-famous hotel, Pêche Melba, operettas, the early days of the BBC, a London bridge built by women and so much more when we go down the Strand.

Book tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-all-go-down-the-strand-tickets-141531318985>

## ABOUT THE CATHEDRAL

Two illustrated lectures about the Cathedral will be given on Thursdays at 7pm. If you would like to book to attend please email for the link.



### Southwark Cathedral: the monuments - Thursday 8 April

A royal 'bouncer', a medieval MP, surgeons at the Crimea, a rare wooden effigy, a famous poet, these are some of the people commemorated in the Cathedral. There may be no aristocrats or ranks of bishops here but the stories of the people memorialised here are nevertheless fascinating.

### Southwark Cathedral: hidden treasures - Thursday 6 May

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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**Annual General Meeting**, we propose to hold this in mixed mode so hopefully you can either attend in person or via Zoom. We hope to have a date very soon

**1 October**  
**Friends Quiz**

