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Choral Eucharist

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 29 January 2023 11.00am

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Setting • Mass for Five Voices, William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Choir • The Cathedral Choir

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Music before the Service

Fiat lux • Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Please stand as the procession enters.

Entrance Hymn

NEH 33 (omit * verses in hymn book)

Of the Father's heart begotten, Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close, Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received, Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Let the storm and summer sunshine, Gliding stream and sounding shore, Sea and forest, frost and zephyr, Day and night their Lord adore; Let creation join to laud thee Through the ages evermore, Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering, Evermore and evermore.

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

Text:

Melody from Piae Cantiones Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582

Latin, Prudentius (348-413) Tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)

Please remain standing.

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation. Members of Junior Xpress come forward for a prayer and blessing before their worship and activities. Then, the President continues:

Dear friends in Christ: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. But first, let us bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

Please remain standing.

Prayers of Penitence

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought. in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us. forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

> May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please sit when the President sits. The Choir sings:

Gloria in Excelsis

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis.

Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe,

Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,

qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis:

qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecatiónem nostram.

Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris. Amen. Glory be to God on high And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

First Reading

Malachi 3.1-5

Read by Caroline Clifford, Reader

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24.1-6

The response is:



The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein. For he has founded it upon the seas and set if firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? or who can rise up his holy place?' 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie. **R**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.' Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2.14-end

Read by Maggie Still

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

The Creed

Please stand.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Amuda Poongavanam

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing. An offertory collection will be received during the Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

NEH 156

Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit, In blessèd Mary, Mother of the Christ-child, Finds its fulfilment.

Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving, Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience, Now she presents him for a spotless offering Unto his Father.

In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now his Mother next her Son is seated, In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom, May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants Life everlasting.

Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer, Giver of life, and Author of salvation, Thine be the glory.

Tune: Diva ServatrixBayeux Antiphoner 1739
Harmony by R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Text: Editors, New English Hymnal After Latin 9th-century texts

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the Temple in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

The Choir sings:

Sánctus, sánctus, sánctus Dóminus Déus Sábaoth Pléni sunt caéli et térra glória túa. Hosánna in excélsis. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, Simeon, Anna, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Members of Junior Xpress return from their worship and activities.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray.

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head.

During the Distribution, the Choir sings:

Agnus Dei

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis peccáta múndi, miserére nóbis.

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis peccáta múndi, miserére nóbis.

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis peccáta múndi, dóna nóbis pácem. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

Communion Anthem

Hodie beata virgo • William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Hodie beata Virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo, Et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas, et benedixit Deum in aeternum.

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the child Jesus in the temple, and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and blessed God for evermore.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
Amen.

Please sit.

Notices

The Candlemas Ceremony

Please stand. The candles are lit as the organ plays. All hold their candles high as the President says:

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please remain standing as the Choir sings:

Nunc Dimittis

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Nunc dimíttis sérvum túum, Dómine, secúndum vérbum túum, in páce: Quia vidérunt óculi méi salutáre túum Quod parásti ante fáciem ómnium populórum: Lúmen ad revelátionem géntium, et glóriam plébis túae Israel.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sáncto: Sicut érat in princípio, et nunc, et sémper, et in saécula saéculorum. Amen. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

Final Responsory, Blessing & Dismissal

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels: may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna; help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world; may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All Let us shine with the light of your love.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Incantation pour un Jour Saint • Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The candles are extinguished. Please leave the Cathedral by the north-west doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.



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Notices

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 29 January 2023

Worship

Sunday 29 January

Candlemas

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.30am Morning Prayer (online & in person)

Officiant Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

9.00am Eucharist (in person)

Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

11.00am Choral Eucharist (online & in person)

Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

3.00pm Choral Evensong (in person only)

Preacher The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp,

Succentor

6.00pm Compline (online only)

Officiant Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

& Pastor

Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February

9.00am Morning Prayer (online & in person)

9.30am Eucharist (in person, Tuesday only)

12.30pm Midday Prayer (in person)

with Litany of Reconciliation of the Community of the

Cross of Nails (Friday only)

12.45pm Eucharist (in person)

5.30pm Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong (in person)

9.00am Morning Prayer (online & in person) 9.30am Eucharist (in person) 4.00pm Choral Evensong (in person)

Sunday 5 February The Third Sunday before Lent

8.30am	Morning Prayer (online & in person) Officiant Canon Jay Colwill, Missioner
9.00am	Eucharist (in person) Preacher Canon Jay Colwill, Missioner
11.00am	Choral Eucharist (online & in person) Preacher Canon Jay Colwill, Missioner
3.00pm	Choral Evensong (in person only) Preacher Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer
6.00pm	Compline (online only) Officiant Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

This week we pray for:

Those who are sick

Elisa Logan, Dan Frisch, Helen Shipley, Sandra Elsom, Peter Barham, Mike Coxhead, Teddy Peck, Tony Nokling, Sue Blenkinsop, Maggie Danby, George Turner, Margaret Lockhart, Mark Smith, Norma Ashe Watt, The Thomas Family, Christine Cooper, Anna Shabi, David McWilliams

Sarah Rawlins, Nigel Bachmann, Frances Crunden, Steph Stevenson, June Smith, Graeme Clugston, Linda Scott Garnett, Elizabeth Hall, Olu Adams, Charlotte Davis, Barbara Martin, Terry O'Brien, Dinah Kormi, Hariette Kevill-Davies, Angie Brown, Teddy Thomson-Moore, Duncan Swann, David Southwell, Ian Ford, Ann Morisy, Christine Hill, Linda Munt, Jonathan Green, Sr Nan CSF, Gloria Elorriaga Mejiia, Soji Temilade, Hugh Preedy, Jean Penney, Godfrey Ashby, Bea Jones, Jean McCarthy, Victoria Vashlynn, Cathy Walker, Neil Clark

Those who have died recently

Neil Leary, Vera McGarrigle, Leonie Knapton, Pat Walker, Sammy Woldekidan, John Humble. Nicholas Welsh

Year's mind

Elisabeth Dunman, Clive & Molly Loader

Clergy preaching away

The Dean & Canon Jay Colwill (Rouen Cathedral, Normandy, France)

Canon Jeremy Clark-King (St Mary, Battersea)

A Safe Church

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

Cherry James cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org

Helen Quintrell hmqmc3@gmail.com

Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

Cathedral listeners

Our team of Cathedral listeners will be on duty following the Choral Eucharist every Sunday. You can find them, ready and waiting in the Retrochoir. If you would like to speak to someone, please go to see them after the service.

If you would like to join our small team of Cathedral listeners, please contact the Sub Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

Icon Painting

On Mondays 30 January and 6, 13 and 27 February, Hanna Ward will be painting in our beautiful Retrochoir. All are very welcome to go and speak to Hanna and find out more about icons and icon painting.

Community Soup

We are almost there with the preparations to begin the Community Soup project and Canon Michael will be in touch with those who have volunteered to explain the next steps.

Children and Young Families

Children and young people are an important part of our Cathedral family and play a vital role in our life together. We would love to encourage your children to join one of our Sunday groups for young people.

Crèche

During the 11am Sunday Eucharist, crèche facilities are available in the Harvard Chapel for accompanied children under 4.

Junior Xpress

Junior Xpress for children in Reception to Year 6 gathers each week in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go to the Susanna Barford Room for worship and activities before rejoining the rest of the congregation for the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. Children are warmly invited to join Junior Xpress, especially if this is their first time. More details can be obtained from the Sub Dean <a href="mailto:microadcolorg/

The Rev'd Canon Andrew Zihni

We are delighted to announce that our Canon Precentor, the Rev'd Canon Andrew Zihni, has been appointed as the 39th Dean of Gloucester. We wish Andrew every blessing as he prepares to take up his new role in April.

The Dean said, "We are delighted for Gloucester Cathedral and for Andrew that he has been appointed as the new Dean. In his time at Southwark Cathedral as both Honorary Minor Canon and latterly as Canon Precentor, Andrew has brought a huge amount to our life, and he will be very sadly missed. We are certain that the people of Gloucester will love him as much as the people of Southwark have."

Congratulations

Both Cathedral School and St Saviour's and St Olave's Girls' School have had Ofsted inspections in the past weeks. Both reports have now been published. Cathedral School has retained its Outstanding status. St Saviour's has moved to Good from Outstanding but also received an excellent report. The staff and students of both our schools are to be congratulated and our head teachers, Filiz Scott and Catherine May in particular for their outstanding leadership.

The Season of Lay Ministries

Each year we join with the diocese in celebrating the many ministries that lay people exercise. Some of these are authorised or commissioned, others are less formal. Some carry huge responsibility, others help the 'stuff' of church to continue well. You can find out more about this year's Season and see some of the resources available by visiting:

https://southwark.anglican.org/exploring-your-call/lay-ministries/

Each week we are hearing from one of the members of the congregation at Southwark Cathedral exercising a ministry. At the Choral Eucharist this Sunday we will hear from Paul Timms, Dean's Verger at the Cathedral.

The Borough Food Cooperative

This is a volunteer operated organisation working to tackle food waste and food insecurity. Members pay £4.50 for a selection of groceries valuing £20-25. Membership is flexible, so you only pay when you come. This could be 3 times a week, once a month or anything in between.

Absolutely everyone is welcome and encouraged to become a member, regardless of your location or economic circumstances. Just pop in during opening hours and sign up! More new customers mean more people can be reached and less food waste.

Pop into the crypt at St George the Martyr, Borough High Street to become a member and make a difference.

Tuesdays 12pm to 3pm, Thursdays 10am to 1.30pm, Saturdays 1pm to 3.30pm

Consecration of the Bishop of Kingston

Thursday 2 February, 2pm at Canterbury Cathedral

The consecration of Martin Gainsborough, the new Bishop of Kingston, will take place in Canterbury Cathedral. Please pray for Martin and his family as they prepare for this service and their move from Bristol to the Diocese of Southwark.

Help for Ukrainian Refugees

Do you have a drop-leaf table and five chairs which would make a huge difference to a Ukrainian family? Offers please to Canon Michael Rawson michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

Friends Programme for 2023

Pilgrimages

The Friends' new programme of pilgrimages began today with the first stage to St Albans Cathedral. The next stage of this pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 18 February. Full information and tickets are available on the website.

Murder, Sex and Mayhem in English Churches: a talk with John E. Vigar Saturday 4 February, 2.30pm

Like most people John enjoyed the peace and serenity offered by our parish churches, but having visited and recorded over 12,000 of them he has found they also contain countless images of Murder, Sex and Mayhem.

Medieval murals and stained glass depict the martyrdom of saints from home and abroad, and the grisliest of dooms... Tickets are available on the website.

Quiz Night Friday 10 February, 6.45pm

Join us for this evening of light-hearted fun in the beautiful Cathedral. Tickets include a light sandwich supper and some fabulous company in an utterly unique setting. There will be a cash bar open to serve alcoholic and soft drinks.

Book tickets for groups: https://friends-quiz-night.eventbrite.co.uk/

or contact the office for individual tickets:

kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org

Crossing Lines:

A Photographic Exhibition by Eve Milner LRPS

1-7 February 2023, 11am-6pm

The Jeannie Avent Gallery, 14 North Cross Road, East Dulwich, SE22 9EU

The proceeds from this exhibition will be donated to the Robes Project.

Confirmation Group

Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith and being confirmed at Easter?

A confirmation group for young people, from school year 7 will start at 4pm on Saturday 26 February and run for six weeks.

A confirmation group for adults will start on Thursday 23 February at 6.15pm and run for six weeks.

Please contact Canon Michael Rawson if you would like to join a group:

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

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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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