

## Goodbye, Farewell and Amen

From Andrew Zihni

Goodbye, Farewell and Amen was the title of the very final episode of the brilliant 1970/80s comedy war drama M\*A\*S\*H, of which those of you who regularly join in the Cathedral's live-streamed service of Morning Prayer will know I am a huge fan. As I move to Gloucester, these three words have been especially on my mind. I was also reminded of Cole Porter's charming little number Just one of those things with the verse:

So goodbye, dear, and amen.  
Here's hoping we meet now and then.  
It was great fun.  
But it was just one of those things.

Just over two years as Canon Precentor has not been a long time, but it has definitely not been "just one of those things; just one of those crazy flings!" I shall look back on many happy memories, many valued friendships and two momentous years in the story of the Cathedral, the city and the country more widely, as we came

to grips with life emerging from the pandemic, the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, followed shortly afterwards by the accession of His Majesty The King, the remembrance and thanksgiving for the Late Duke of Edinburgh, and the fifth anniversary of the London Bridge terror attacks. And then there are the special and particular memories of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral, with the pilgrimages to Canterbury and St Albans, the summer receptions after the AGM and the Advent Carol Service teas, and – not least – the wonderful generosity of the Friends in supporting the music at my Installation Service and the Easter Day Choral Eucharist. All of this has indeed been great fun. But they are certainly much more than just one of those things. The quality of the friendships and the communities I have encountered here are gifts I shall always be thankful for.

This is a season of great change for Southwark Cathedral. This kind of significant change in a community is never easy, but as we journey through this season of Lent towards the joy of Christ's resurrection at Easter, we can be encouraged by the wonder of



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Dear Ms Dean

The Countess of Wessex and Forfar has asked me to thank you for your kind letter following the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Your thoughtfulness in writing at this sad time is much appreciated.

We are all trying to come to terms with the quite extraordinary void Her Majesty has left in all our lives, the nation, Her Realms and Territories and the Commonwealth. The astonishing response and the wonderful events we have witnessed in the immediate aftermath has been profound and deeply reassuring. While cherishing Her Majesty's memory and legacy, I know that Her Royal Highness is naturally turning her attention to supporting His Majesty The King as he takes up the reins and shoulders the responsibilities expected of him.

Yours sincerely

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the changelessness of Christ's self-offering and the fulfilled promise of the resurrection. We come and we go, but the love of God in Christ Jesus is never changed. Now is the time for us all, wherever we are, to know again the simple and undeniable fact that love has triumphed over sin and death, and our Easter songs will ring out forever.

So goodbye, farewell and amen. Here's hoping that we shall indeed meet again (you will all be most warmly welcome at Gloucester Cathedral if you are ever in the Cotswolds). It has been great fun. It has been a most wonderful thing!

## Congratulations to our Patron

We were pleased to learn that our Patron has received the new title of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh. We send our congratulations and prayers to Her Royal Highness as she works with over seventy charities and organisations and supports the new King.

## The Dean's farewell to the Friends

Saturday 24 June • 4pm

This summer we say goodbye to our much loved Dean. On Saturday

24 June we will gather together for Choral Evensong at which the Dean will preach. The choir will be the Forest School Choral Society.

Our AGM will follow held in the transept and afterwards we will move into the churchyard for a drinks reception at which the Dean will be our special guest. To finish the evening we will return to the Nave for "Canon Wendy Robins in conversation with the Dean" This informal look at the Dean's time at Southwark will explore the highs as well as the lows of the Dean's time at Southwark featuring music particularly special to him. It promises to be a fitting tribute as these very special years come to an end.

Reserve your place by completing the booking form in this newsletter or email the Friends office and cost £15 each for Friends and £17.50 for Guests

## Gift for the Dean

How difficult it has been to find an appropriate gift for our Dean which will truly express our love and gratitude for his time with us and the support he has shown the Friends. After months of thought and discussion the Trustees have agreed to fund the commissioning of a new set of canticles dedicated to the Dean: The Southwark Service (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis).

The dedication to Andrew Nunn (immediately below the title), will include the words: by generous donation of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral. The composer will be Nico Muhly.

Ian Keatley, Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral, writes: "The title Southwark Service is significant. The famous settings by Herbert Howells immediately comes to mind. Howells composed The Westminster Service, St Paul's Service, King's and St John's Cambridge, Gloucester which are sung regularly all over the world. Nico Muhly has already composed settings for a number of English cathedrals and Oxbridge colleges. It would be wonderful for Southwark to have its own set of canticles that will be sung not just in English Cathedrals but indeed around the world. The dedication text on the title page, by generous donation of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral, would appear on all published copies."

Nico Muhly, born in 1981, is an American composer who writes orchestral music, works for the stage, chamber music and sacred music. He's received commissions from The Metropolitan Opera: *Two Boys*, (2011) and *Marnie* (2018); Carnegie Hall, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Tallis Scholars, King's College and St John's College, Cambridge, Wigmore Hall, and The

Philadelphia Orchestra, among others. He is an avid collaborator, and has worked with choreographers Benjamin Millepied at the Paris Opéra Ballet, Bobbi Jene Smith at the Juilliard School, Justin Peck and Kyle Abraham at New York City Ballet; artists Sufjan Stevens, The National, Teitur, Anohni, James Blake and Paul Simon; and has written film scores for *The Reader* (2008) and *Kill Your Darlings* (2013), and the BBC adaptation of *Howards End* (2017). Among his concerti are works for violin, (*Shrink*, for Pekka Kuusisto), organ (*Register*, for James McVinnie), viola (*Nadia Sirota*) He collaborates with the same artists as a composer and performer of chamber music. He has written vocal works for Iestyn Davies, Renée Fleming, and Nicholas Phan, has collaborated with artists Maira Kalman and Oliver Beer, and has created site-specific pieces for the National Gallery, London, and the Art Institute of Chicago, and written articles for the *Guardian*, the *New York Times*, and the *London Review of Books*. Recordings of his works have been released by Decca and Nonesuch, and he is part of the artist-run record label Bedroom Community, which released his first two albums, *Speaks Volumes* (2006) and *Mothertongue* (2008).

If you would like to contribute to this gift you are welcome to do so. Please contact Kate in the office to discuss further.

Once the Cathedral choir begins to rehearse it is possible we will be able to attend a rehearsal. If you would be interested to do so, please let Kate know and as soon as a date is available she will be in contact to arrange the event.

## Friends Events

### New pilgrimage programme

Flushed with the success of last years' pilgrimage to Canterbury we are now walking together to St Albans, and will arrive in May. Then, in June our next pilgrimage will begin, this time walking from Guildford to Southwark. Our pilgrimages take place on the third Saturday of each month and each stage is guided by experienced group leaders and accompanied by a First Aider. Check the cathedral website or email Kate in the office for more information.

### Lambeth Palace Library – guided tour

Friday 15 September • 10.30am  
Lambeth Palace Library is the historic library and record office of the Archbishops of Canterbury and the national library and archive of the Church of England. Its collections have been freely available for research from 1610, when it was founded under the will of Archbishop Richard Bancroft. One of the earliest public libraries in the UK, it now has a purpose-built home

for the first time, designed by Wright & Wright Architects. Completed in 2020, the new Library is a sensitive addition to the site of the Grade I listed Palace and is the first new building on the site for 185 years.

Our visit will include a guided tour of the library, a visit to the Reading Room and Conservation Studio and possibly a trip to the top floor to see the views of London.

Reserve your place by completing the booking form in this newsletter or email the Friends office and cost £15.00 each for Friends and £17.50 for Guests

### Christ Church Oxford Cathedral and Library – guided tours

Friday 17 November • 11am  
We will meet at Christ Church Cathedral having made our own way to Oxford. Our day will begin with a guided tour of the Cathedral followed by a tour of the Library. The manuscripts of William Byrd are also currently on display at the Library. Reserve your place by completing the booking form in this newsletter or email the Friends office and cost £19.00 each for Friends and £21.50 for Guests (travel costs are not included)

### Receiving the Friends newsletter

With the rising costs to produce hard copies of the newsletter and send

them in the post we need to look at alternatives. Several Friends already opt to receive their newsletter by email and we are grateful for this. If you have not yet opted to receive your notices by email contact the Friends office – [kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org) Of course we are happy to continue to produce hard copies if you prefer but reducing the number which are sent by post would be helpful to the Friends and we can then provide more financial support to the Cathedral

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## Cathedral Shop

You can support the Cathedral by buying your cards and gifts in the Cathedral shop.

Opening hours are

Tuesday-Friday 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 11am - 1pm

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There is also an on-line shop so you can make your purchases from the comfort of your own home <https://southwarkcathedralshop.org/>

Friends receive a 10% discount with the attached voucher (only with in-shop purchases).

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## Comptoir Cathedral

The café at the Cathedral is now open and run by Comptoir Bakery. The café uses china crockery and metal cutlery for customers sitting in. For those choosing to takeaway, all the materials are made using plants rather than single-use plastic.

The opening hours are Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 9.30am-5.00pm

## Lapel pins

Especially for members of the Friends we have a new lapel pin. We can pop them in the post or arrange for you to collect from the office or the pigeonholes at the back of the Cathedral on Sundays.



## Trip to Dresden

In the Spring 2024 we are planning a trip to Dresden to continue with our theme of reconciliation. If you would like to express an interest in joining this weekend away please contact Kate in the office [kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org) and she will let you have further details

## Remembering the Friends in your will

Over the years we have been fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a number of generous legacies and these have enabled The Friends to make many gifts to the Cathedral which would have been impossible if we were to rely solely on subscriptions and fundraising. If you would like to help us continue our work by leaving a bequest in your will then you may find the following information and wording helpful.

A will is a complicated document and a solicitor will be able to help you write the contents to reflect your wishes. You may wish to make the legacy a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or as the residue after other particular gifts.

The Trustees of the Friends meet four times a year and consider applications for Grants from the Cathedral. This is a process to ensure any monies we grant to the Cathedral have been

considered by the Dean and Chapter. You can be confident any legacy you leave the Friends will be managed and spent thoughtfully and in line with the constitution of the Friends.

You may wish to make a legacy to benefit the Friends generally

I give the Friends of Southwark Cathedral at London Bridge, SE1 9DA (registered charity 1159545) the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of the charity

Or you may prefer to specify how the funds should be used eg supporting the music, fabric, choirs or mission of the Dean and Chapter.

I give the Friends of Southwark Cathedral at London Bridge, SE1 9DA (registered charity 1159545) the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ and that the money be used for (\_\_\_\_) (you will need to remember to name the specific purpose mindful of the constitution of the Friends – we can provide guidance on this if required)

## Contact the Friends office

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Please send this completed form to the office together with a stamped self-addressed envelope or email address so we can send you confirmation of your reservation

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## **Farewell to the Dean**

with drinks reception and "In conversation with the Dean"

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Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of Southwark Cathedral or you can make a transfer to the Friends bank account.

## **Office address**

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