



Friends said goodbye

The year we see big changes as our Dean, Andrew Nunn has retired. The Friends said goodbye at their Annual General Meeting in June and the following weekend the congregation and Diocese said thank you for his years of Service in the Diocese and bid farewell. At the special Diocesan Service on Saturday 1 July the Great Choir sang the Southwark Service. This piece was commissioned by The Friends of Southwark Cathedral, composed by Nico Muhly and is dedicated to The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn.

The Dean preached at the Choral Evensong prior to the Friends AGM and summer party and we thought you may like to have the sermon as a memory of a lovely weekend and a truly brilliant Dean.

You are my friends

From the Dean, Andrew Nunn

Feast of St John the Baptist
Lectons: Malachi 4; Matthew 11.2-19

In her wonderful book 'To Kill a Mockingbird' Harper Lee reuses, to great effect, a saying that we all know - "You can choose your friends but

you sho' can't choose your family, an' they're still kin to you no matter whether you acknowledge 'em or not, and it makes you look right silly when you don't." You can choose your friends, you can't choose your family.

'You are my friends' says Jesus to his disciples. He has chosen them; he isn't always – and this is surprising to us – not always as complimentary about his family.

John the Baptist, whose nativity, whose birth we celebrate today, was of course family. His mother Elizabeth was Mary, the mother of Jesus', cousin. So, John was Jesus' second cousin. In the wonderful account of the visitation, when Mary makes the long journey, the first of two occasions she does it, from Nazareth to the outskirts of Jerusalem - the first to the village of Ein Karem where Elizabeth and Zechariah lived and the second to Bethlehem, where Jesus will be born - there is that moment of deep recognition, the pregnant women embrace, the unborn babies leap in their mothers' wombs as herald and heralded meet.

But in the Second Reading for today it seems as though John doesn't really know who Jesus is - 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' is the message that John's friends deliver to his own family member.

Strange but understandable. John is in prison, he will be beheaded. He has probably been living in the wilderness for years, part of the Essene community who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls. He was looking for reassurance that the one he has been awaiting for the whole of his life, is here, and that he can accept his fate, in prison, without the anxiety of, well, wondering.

And Jesus speaks well of his cousin, 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist.'

But what Jesus says to the disciples who came from John to Jesus is to look and see what he was doing. His works, his actions, his ministry were the evidence, the testimony for who he is, who he was.

'The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.'

Jesus was doing what he said he would do when he began his ministry, standing in the synagogue and reading from the prophet Isaiah. He was true to his word, for he is God's word, spoken into our world, the life-changing, world changing magnificence of the incarnate God, at one with us.

'Tell John what you hear and see', says Jesus.

Just a week before I finally retire – and it feels like a long run-up to retirement, you must all be sick of hearing about it by now – it's good to be here with the Friends of the Cathedral. 'You are my friends if you do what I command you' says Jesus. The Friends of this Cathedral are wonderful. The evidence? Look at what they do.

The principal thing that the Friends are about are beautifying this place and helping its mission and ministry. But I don't want to speak about that, apart from to say thank you for all that you've paid for and enabled us to do, not just in my time as Dean but over these 24 years that I've been part of this cathedral's life. What I want to thank you for now is something different and there are two things that I want to highlight.

The first of those things is the wonderful way you have enabled others to make pilgrimage, to go on pilgrimage, to walk together on a journey with a purpose.

There's a wonderful icon that has been made popular through the community at Taizé that's called 'The Icon of Christ and Abbot Menas', also often known as 'Christ and His Friend'. It's a Coptic icon which is now in the Louvre in Paris, depicting Jesus and Saint Menas

together. They are side by side and Jesus has his hand on the shoulder of his friend. Of course, in the icon they're stationary, but they have the look of one walking with the other

When we walk with a friend we can find that we walk with Christ. Thank you for enabling this community to be pilgrims on the journey, companions on the road. In doing that you have reflected the history of this place from where pilgrims were sent off to make their journey to Canterbury. You have brought our history to life.

The second thing I want to mention is quite different, very different. Many of you will know, because many of you have taken part, that for all the time I've been Dean we've hosted with the Friends a pre-Christmas soiree at the Deanery. It's as elegant as it sounds – the Director of Music on the piano, the guests joining in with carols and Christmas songs, wine and food being enjoyed and the house filled with joy and laughter. The Friends bring friends together and for us that's such a powerful and important thing. There is companionship on the road and there is companionship in the sheer joy of hospitality and celebration.

'You are my friends, says Jesus, 'if you do what I command you.' And what does he command us but 'to love one

another as I have loved you'. They looked and saw what Jesus did and knew he was the Lord; we look and see what the Friends do and know that they are being true to their name – and all to the glory of God and the building up of the Kingdom. For that we should all give thanks.

At the end of the Service on Sunday 2 July the congregation shared a glass of 'bubbles' (be they elderflower or prosecco) with Andrew and we were lucky to listen to the performance of a special piece of music, written by one of the congregation and long-time Friend Maggie Still and performed by musicians past and present. We share that with you on page 5 and 6.

The new Dean

Then, on Sunday 30 July, came the announcement of the new appointment.

The Bishop of Southwark, The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, has appointed The Reverend Dr Mark Oakley as the next Dean of Southwark. Mark is currently Dean of Chapel and Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge. Bishop Christopher said: "Mark is a person of depth, insight and integrity who brings with him a wealth of priestly experience offered in many different contexts. Before St John's he was a Canon of St Paul's following on from service in the Diocese in Europe



as Chaplain at Copenhagen and Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe. This variety of experience will equip him well for the prominent role he will now take on as Dean of Southwark and I much look forward to working with him."

Mark will be installed Dean at Choral Evensong in Southwark Cathedral on Advent Sunday (3 December) at 3pm. Speaking about his appointment, Mark said: "I am very honoured, and a little daunted, to be asked to continue the ministry of the Dean of Southwark, following on from the extraordinary work and presence of Andrew Nunn. I have been grateful all my life for the existence of Southwark Cathedral, for its witness to the gospel through learning and formation, arts and the imagination, local partnerships and a commitment to social justice. I am now deeply grateful to be asked to become a part of its life and mission, and I ask for your prayers as I prepare

Psalm 151

1. We sing to say farewell to the | Bles-sed | Andrew :
to | send him | on his | way.
 2. He has come from Lei-ces-ter * the | land . of his | forefathers :
but further | north he | will re-| turn.
- 2nd part*
3. (If he could go instead to the the | land . of the | musicals :
that he would | surely pre-| fer to | do).
 4. He has marched us off to many | ho-ly | places:
and back and | forth . to the | end of the | rainbow.
 5. For now he is 60 | going on | 70 :
and from that great land where the hills are alive he has | had . to be |
whiskèd a-| way.
 6. In times of spiritual famine he has served his | peo-ple | well :
And a great plague came about and therein arose a | loss of | taste and |
smell.
 7. But never could the Blessed Andrew's | voice be | quelled :
So he took to the world of Zoom with great alacrity* and behold
the | hearts . of his | people did | swell.
 8. Aided and abetted by our | bro-ther | Mark :
with a veritable supply of the | Mel-ton | Mowbray pork | pie.
 9. Also the Lidl glass of red is | never . deemed a | sin :
where | would we | be with-| out him?!
 10. We are blessed with his words from the high | place . of the | pulpit:
And in that place he | is in-| deed an | Angel
 11. So from all his 'darlings', let's give | him a | clap:
We are his brothers and sisters*, nay | we are his | sisters and | brothers.
 12. And we try to obey as much as | we are | able :
He has com-| manded us | ma-ny | times.

13. The sound of money dropping into the plate is the sin from which there is no mercy:

only the | whisper . of the | fifty-pound | note.

14. We hope we shall not be a for- | got-ten | people :

But when he travels to that distant place of Leeds, lest he is tempted to | break the | Eighth Com-| mandment.

15. We shall keep Hodge under | lock and | key:

And never will there be a | whis-ker | out of | place.

Glory be to Andrew and to Mark, both saints in | name and | nature :

from Leeds we ex-| pect to | hear great | things.

We loved them in the beginning, now, and | ev-er | shall do :

May they find happiness together for | ever and | ever. * A-| men.

Composer and writer: Maggie Still

Performed during the celebration drinks on Sunday 3 July

by members of the music department, old and new.

Dear Friends of the cathedral

There is so much to thank you for —
the lovely 'Desert Island' evening, the
beautiful set of canticles and the
gift of theatre tokens. You really have
lived up to your name. Enjoy the future.
I will always hold very dear the
memories of you.

With love Andrew.

to join the people of the Cathedral and diocese. Our vocation is to embody a sacramental, poetic and just Christian faith that resonates with both joy and integrity. I really look forward to making new friends as we seek to do this together.'

"I am delighted that Mark has been appointed as Dean of Southwark," added the Reverend Canon Michael Rawson, Interim Dean of Southwark. "He brings theological reflection alive in his preaching and writing. We look forward to worshipping and working with Mark as the Cathedral enters a new and exciting phase of our life together, in deepening our faith and reaching out in service of our parish and diocese."

Heather Hancock, Master of St John's College, University of Cambridge, said: "Mark Oakley has made a memorable and distinguished contribution to St John's College during his time as Dean. Our Chapel has been a place of outstanding worship and preaching under Mark's imaginative, sensitive, and grounded leadership, offering warmth and welcome to all. His commitment to the spiritual and collegiate life of St John's, including through outreach, tutorial support and his sustained contribution through the pandemic, has been superb. Southwark Cathedral are fortunate to be welcoming Mark as their Dean when he leaves St John's

later this year; he will go with our gratitude and very best wishes."

New Friends event -

Saturday 30 September, 10.30am

In the past, as a welcome to new members of the Friends, there has been a special tour of the Cathedral. Over the past few years this has fallen by the wayside a little but now we would like to reintroduce this event and if you are a new Friend (or a Friend who hasn't attended this event before) we hope you might join us on Saturday 30 September for our New Friends tour.

We will meet by the Font at the rear of the Cathedral at 10.30am. Guides will be available to take you on a tour of the Cathedral after which coffee and cake will be served with an opportunity to meet together with some of the Cathedral clergy.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough guides (and cake!) available.
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Friends Events

Walking with Friends

Our pilgrimages this year have taken us from Southwark to St Albans where we arrived back in May to a lovely, Friendly



our pilgrimage from Guildford Cathedral back to Southwark, journeying along the River Thames. Our walks take place on the third Saturday of each month and we plan to arrive in Southwark in October. Everyone is welcome to join us and tickets can be booked via Eventbrite.

**Guided tour of Lambeth Palace Library
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 each for Friends and £17.50 for Guests

**The A-Z of Southwark –
an illustrated talk with Guy Rowston
Saturday 18 November, 11am**

Guy Rowston runs through an alphabet of Southwark people, places and events: the mad vicar of the Borough Market, Bella of Blackfriars, the only female boxing promoter, the great organ competition, Roman mosaics, Hesther Thrale, the Evil Mayday- all arranged in alphabetical order. And what will X stand for?

Join us at 10.45am for coffee and this illustrated talk will begin at 11am. A light lunch will be served after the talk.

Tickets are £9.50 to include lunch and available from the office or via Eventbrite

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 in the Library. Reserve your place by completing the booking form in this newsletter or email the Friends office and cost £19 each for Friends and £21.50 for Guests (travel costs are not included).

Britain's only Pope - an illustrated talk with Adrian Waddington Saturday 20 January at 11am

Overlooked for centuries, Nicholas Breakspeare's achievements outshone those of his contemporary, the martyr Thomas Becket. Born in poverty and probably illegitimate (born at about the time that Southwark Cathedral was founded by the Augustinians), Breakspeare rose to become the only Englishman to ascend the throne of Saint Peter, ruling over the papal states as Adrian IV. He had become an Augustinian monk in Avignon.

His life is not a tale of liturgy or sermons,

and there are more cannons than canons, as Breakspeare faced fighting in Scandinavia and the Second Crusade in Spain. He was immediately thrust into conflicts upon his election as pope in 1154.

Adrian Waddingham CBE retired in 2018 after a 47-year career as a consulting actuary. In retirement Adrian has turned to history, studying at Birkbeck in 2018/2019. His first book 'Breakspeare: the English Pope' was published by The History Press in August 2022.

Adrian's main home is in Vauxhall. He also has a home in his native north Lancashire.

This first event of 2024 will begin with our usual format: coffee will be available from 10.45 and our talk will begin at 11am. A light lunch will be available after the talk.

Tickets are £9.50 and can be booked using the booking form in this newsletter or via Eventbrite

Friends trip to Dresden in April 2024

The Friends trip to Dresden will take place in April next year. We will fly to Berlin on Thursday 18 April at a very sociable time of 11am, from Berlin we will take the train to Dresden. Our hotel will be centrally located and on arrival we will settle in and have supper

together. Over the next few days our programme will include a guided tour of the Frauenkirche and Eucharist on Sunday evening. We return on Monday 22 April leaving Berlin at 15.00.

The cost will be £825 with a £50 additional cost for a single room. This will include return flights (with British Airways from Heathrow) and train tickets, bed and breakfast accommodation with ensuite facilities, supper on the first evening and guided tours.

If you would like to join us we would require a £250 non-refundable deposit and full payment by the end of January.

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News from the Cathedral

**Southwark Cathedral Volunteer Fair
Tuesday 3 October 2.30- 4pm**

Garry Weston Library

The Southwark Cathedral Volunteer Fair is an event to showcase what's happening across Southwark Cathedral and what our plans are for the future. Cathedral departments

will be represented, and you will have the chance to talk to staff about volunteering opportunities. Refreshments will be made available, and all Friends and Volunteers are invited. We encourage everyone to also bring a friend or family member who has expressed an interest in volunteering because this will be an excellent chance to promote all the different aspects of the Cathedral and to recruit more volunteers. There will also be complimentary tickets for the Fever Up Candlelit Concert Programme at Southwark Cathedral for all those who introduce new people on the day and who become fully inducted with us as new volunteers!

**Experience Luke Jerram's Museum
of the Moon at Southwark Cathedral
from 10 - 28 October.**

Measuring seven metres in diameter, the replica of the moon features high resolution NASA imagery of the lunar surface. At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the moon's surface. Over its lifetime, Museum of the Moon has been presented in several different ways both indoors and outdoors, so altering the experience and interpretation of the artwork. As it travels from place to place, it has gathered new musical compositions and an ongoing collection of personal

responses, stories and mythologies, as well as highlighting the latest moon science.

The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones.

Luke Jerram's multidisciplinary practice involves the creation of sculptures, installations and live art projects. Living in the UK but working internationally for 19 years, Jerram has created many extraordinary art projects which have excited and inspired people around the globe. Jerram has a set of different narratives that make up his practice which are developing in parallel with one another. He is known worldwide for his large-scale public artworks.

You can find out how to book tickets to visit the Moon and details of the programme in place to support this installation including a talk with Tim Peake, a jazz concert and comedy night. <https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/visiting/museum-of-the-moon/>

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