



READINGS & NOTICES

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023

9.00AM

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT 1 HOPE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

*The President introduces the lighting of the first candle on our Advent Crown.
When the candle is lit, the following prayer is said:*

We light this candle for all God's people
struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

God, as we wait for your promise,

All give light, give hope.

THE COLLECT

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 be seated for:

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64.1-9

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE ADVENT PROSE

The response is:

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee. **R**

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. **R**

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. **R**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Read by C. E. Lord

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Maranatha, the Lord is coming.

All Even so come Lord Jesus.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Maranatha, the Lord is coming.

All Even so come Lord Jesus.

Please remain standing and turn to face the Deacon.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13.24-end

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

◆ *Please turn to page 4 of the service booklet
and be seated for **THE SERMON***



NOTICES

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WORSHIP

Services marked with an * are livestreamed

Services marked with a † are only available online

Sunday 3 December

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist Preacher The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* Preacher The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor
3.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Installation of The Rev'd Canon Dr Mark Oakley as Dean of Southwark Preacher The Dean of Southwark
6.00pm	Compline†

Monday 4 – Friday 8 December

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer with Litany of Reconciliation (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
5.30pm	Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong

Saturday 9 December

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
3.30pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 10 December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
3.00pm	Choral Evensong Preacher Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor
6.00pm	Compline[†]

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Elisa L, Michael P, Marlene K, Mark S, Peter B, Anne L, Sue B, Christine C, Simon B, Patsy B, Eileen P, John G, Julia W, Maria T, Mark W, Tricia C, Harriette KD, Tim D, Jean W, Patricia K, Nan, Roger C, Lena S, Sarah, Ben A, Pam H, Kelvin F, Paula F, Suzanne S, Claudette, Peter W, Vee S, Ivan T, Michelle L, Anita H, Helen S, Elizabeth H, Sarah R, Patricia N, Dinah K, Angie B, Dan F, Arlene K, John B, Anna S, Jean P, Andrew B

YEAR'S MIND

Stephen Edward Bronsdon, Carl Ramsey Al-Uzaizi, Frederick Busgith, Derek Butt, Rhoda Wilson, Andy Ferguson

THE DEPARTED

Peter, Frank Ipgrave

CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

Canon Michael Rawson, Interim Dean of Southwark (St Anne, Bermondsey)

Please pray for Canon Jay Colwill as he is licensed as Senior Chaplain at St Michael's Anglican Church, Paris today. The Very Rev'd Andrew Nunn, Dean Emeritus, will be representing the Cathedral community and sending our love and prayers to Jay and Jo.

As we are starting a new liturgical year today we will be starting a new prayer list. If you would like someone to be included again please let the Interim Dean know michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org. Names will normally be on the prayer list for four weeks unless you ask for a renewal.

A SAFE CHURCH

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, is Chapter Lead for Safeguarding. Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers in the first instance:

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 are usually 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 Interim Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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 Chapter Room for accompanied children under 4.

JUNIOR XPRESS

Junior Xpress is for children in Reception to Year 6 gathers each week in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go 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 Interim Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast will also be provided! We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. **The next meeting will be on Sunday 10 December.**

SERVICE BOOKLETS

You may be surprised to see our request to return today's Advent service booklets – and yet more surprised when the same orders of service emerge again for the next three Sundays.

In line with our Cathedral commitment to sustainability, we are hoping to produce a series of seasonal booklets, with weekly supplements. We are increasingly conscious of the unreasonable quantity of paper that we use, which stretches both financial and ecological resources, so this is one small step on a continuing journey. We are doing all we can to make the new orders as user-friendly as possible – but please do feel free to share positive suggestions on how we might improve things, as I promise the intent is not to irritate you all, but rather one small way in which to make our resolves reality.

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

We pray for justice, reconciliation, peace and an end to hatred and war in the Holy Land.

**O God of all justice and peace
we cry out to you
in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear
which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians
and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord,
for an end to violence and the establishment of peace,
we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom
where all people are treated with dignity and honour
as your children
for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.
In Jesus Name we pray.
Amen.**

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICES 2023

SUNDAY 17 & TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER, 6.00PM

Seats for the Cathedral Carol services are now available to book. Please visit the Eventbrite page:

<https://tinyurl.com/28wpku8c>

ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

If you are new to the Cathedral and wish to know more about our community and how you can get involved, please fill in a Newcomers' Card and we will be in touch. Alternatively, please email michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org with your details.

ST HUGH'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY



St Hugh's Church



The Rainbow Room

10th Anniversary of the New St Hugh's Sunday 10th December 9.30am

**A service of thanksgiving ten years after the dedication
of the new Church and Rainbow Room at St Hugh's Bermondsey,
SE1 3PT, partner church of Southwark Cathedral.**

**All are welcome. A Eucharist with the Bishop of
Southwark, followed by food and drink in the Rainbow Room.**

www.sthughsbermondsey.org.uk

TOTS' & CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE AT ST HUGH'S

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, 9.30AM

Bring your favourite musical instrument or your most outrageous Christmas outfit as we sing and dance together. Lots of comfy seats and snacks afterwards. St Hugh's Church, SE1 3PT, round the corner from the cathedral. Sunday 17th December 9.30am.

ROBES SLEEPOUT 2023

A big thank you to everyone who made the Robes SleepOut possible and for everyone who took part. It was an amazing effort by everyone and will make a real difference to our guests during the coming winter months.

It's not too late to sponsor! Here are the links for those who slept out:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-rawson-robessleepout2023>

Huge thanks to our Youth Xpress team. We are really proud of you and what you achieved on the night.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/victoria-kingston-1699355653547>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hodge-1699353856793>

ANGELS, CHERUBIM AND THE FACE OF GOD

We will have three sessions to help us to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Beginning today at 10.00am, we will use rarely-seen icons and Scripture to help us to focus our thoughts and prayers during the weeks of preparation in Advent. As before the sessions are timed so that those who attend the 9.00am can attend and they will finish at 10.45am to enable those who wish to be at the 11.00am service. We will be meeting in the John Trevor Williams Room. Do join us.

CAKE!

Cake after the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist

A message from our baker, Elliot:

I am completing my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and to fulfil the volunteering part of the scheme, which revolves around acts of kindness and giving, I will be baking for the Cathedral community over the coming weeks for worshippers to enjoy with the coffee served after the 11am Eucharist.

Thank you, Elliot!

A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS

As we hurtle towards Christmas, the Cathedral's Sustainability Group would like to share some ideas for a more eco-friendly season...

We're setting the tone with our Advent service books, but hope you'll pick a couple of ideas from the suggestions below for each week of Advent.

Christmas cards – rather than sending one to individual friends here at the Cathedral, add your greeting to our giant card and, if you wish, make a donation to a charity of your choice.

Buy recyclable cards (no glitter!) and wrapping paper to support a charity.

Buy and use less, recycle more – the right charity shop books and gifts can be very welcome.

Make your own decorations – paper chains from old wrapping paper.

Buy a British grown tree and recycle it after Christmas. Consider renting a tree next year – details here:

<https://www.londonchristmastreerental.com/>

Decorate with LED lights to minimise the energy needed to keep things sparkly.

Limit your food miles: plan seasonal meals using British grown veg.

Other suggestions welcome – do let us know your own top tips for a green Christmas!

A SERVICE FOR THE LONGEST NIGHT WITH THE MERBECKE CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER, 6.30PM

A quiet, reflective service of music and readings for those who are struggling to make merry this Christmas.

POP-UP PRESERVES

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

The Friends will hold a pop-up stall selling preserves, chutneys and jam after the 9.00am and 11.00am Services on Sunday 10 December. If you have contributions to make to the stall they will be very welcome too: extra jars of jam or marmalade which you've made this summer will help us raise funds to support the Cathedral.

Come and buy your Christmas preserves!

OLD NEWSPAPERS

If you have some old newspapers, please would you donate to the Friends for an event on 16 December. You can leave them at the Cathedral marked 'Friends'.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CATHEDRAL

You will have received a Christmas gift envelope with your order of service today. If you are able, would you please consider giving a Christmas gift to the Cathedral? Some people like to think of the Cathedral as one of their relatives (that they like!) and give accordingly. You can do this by putting a cheque or cash in the envelope and putting it in the offertory basket. Alternatively, you can give online via the Cathedral website at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/56d6fe30-5363-483a-a9c7-b9196299ab55>

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