

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 MAY 2024

9.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

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HEARING LOOP

Please switch your device to 'T'.

POSTURE

The instructions in this booklet are not prescriptive. Please sit if that is more appropriate for you.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

During the service, a collection will be taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of the Cathedral.

Cash donations may be placed in the baskets brought around by the stewards.

If you are a UK taxpayer we would be grateful if, before the service begins, you would complete the yellow envelope provided, since this enables us to claim a further 25% from the Inland Revenue.

Contactless donations can be made by tapping the terminal provided by the stewards. This is set at £10 but the stewards would be happy to alter this amount for you.



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You can also support the Cathedral by buying your books from the ethical online bookseller bookshop.org and designating Southwark Cathedral shop for the 30% of purchase price donation they offer us.

Please stand as the President, The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor, enters.

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from all your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-end

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98

The response is:

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **R**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody. **R**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it. **R**

Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-6

Read by **Jessica Kingsley**

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

All **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ
let us pray to the Father.

Please be seated or kneel.

*The prayers are led by **Hilary Bagshaw***

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen.

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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because Christ our paschal sacrifice
has made us children of the light,
rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven
to receive his faithful people.
His death is our ransom from death,
his resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

All **Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, 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.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who 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.**

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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 peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*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

SUNDAY 5 MAY

WORSHIP

Services marked with an * are livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@southwarkcathedral2224/streams>

Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 5 MAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.30am	Morning Prayer*
	9.00am	Eucharist <i>The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor</i>
ST HUGH'S	9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor</i>
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Installation of Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's Cathedral, as Honorary Ecumenical Canon <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
	6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 6 MAY

	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 7, WEDNESDAY 8 & FRIDAY 10 MAY

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

THURSDAY 9 MAY
ASCENSION DAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
12.30pm	Midday Prayer
12.45pm	Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
5.30pm	Choral Eucharist
7.00pm	A Meditation for Ascension Day <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i> <i>James Gough, Assistant Organist</i>

SATURDAY 11 MAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 12 MAY
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

	8.30am	Morning Prayer*
	9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
ST HUGH'S	9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Caroline Clifford, Cathedral Reader</i>
	6.00pm	Compline[†]

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

HM The King, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Nigel S, Frances, Elisa L, Norma AW, Harriette KD, Loraine G, Tim D, Ben A, Pam H, Michelle L, Anita H, Lois and Norman, Penelope, Rob W, Peter, Sarah R, Maurice D, Rebecca, Courtenay, Lorrie P, Michael, Barry H, Carol F, Michael O, Olivia S, Sheena, Peter D, Helen S, Elizabeth H, Dinah K, Dan F, Dick T, Peter B, Anna S, Jean P, Karen Hollowell

THE DEPARTED

Paul Bessemer, Eileen Smith, Melanie Dunn, Pauline Green, Eileen, Mary Millward, Prudence Newman, David Gordon, Gwen Peck

YEAR'S MIND

Gerard Buckley, Carl den Brinker, Elizabeth Thornhill, Linda Sheppard, Harold Carl Goldspink, John Stroop, Victoria Menhinick, Charles Sofianos, Marion Marples, Eric James

CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

The Dean of Southwark (St George the Martyr, Borough)
Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (St Philip and All Saints, Kew)

CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

Our Cathedral Listening team is on duty following the Choral Eucharist every Sunday. You can find them, ready and waiting, in the Retrochoir behind the High Altar. If you would like to speak to someone, please go to see them after the service.

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.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On the first Friday of the month, initially until July, we invite you to gather from 12.00pm for a time of silent prayer for peace in the Chapel of St Francis and St Elizabeth, where the Cross of Nails calls us to focus on reconciliation. The prayer vigil will end with the regular Midday prayers, which, on Fridays, include the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation and for the next few months specific prayers for peace.

During this time of violence in the Holy Land, we encourage you to spend some time praying for an end to atrocities in Gaza and the West Bank, for the peace of Jerusalem and for the healing of the wounds of history. You might like to light a candle as a sign of your prayer, as we ask God to shed the light of love in all the troubled corners of the world.

Lead us from death to life, from lies to truth; lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead us from hatred to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

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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 11.00am 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 Sub 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 is 21 April.**

VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR MINISTRY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

We are looking for Youth Xpress Leaders to support the worship and learning of young people from the age of 11, within the Cathedral Community. Volunteers will help to support and lead the session on a Sunday morning.

Find out what's involved and what we are looking for in our detailed role description on our website:

<https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/support-us/volunteer/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Sub Dean on:

Michael.Rawson@southwark.anglican.org.

If you wish to apply please download the application form on the volunteer webpage and send the completed form to:

Cathedral.Volunteers@southwark.anglican.org.

A MEDITATION FOR ASCENSION DAY

THURSDAY 9 MAY, 7.00PM

Join James Gough, Assistant Organist, and Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, for organ music and poetry reflecting on the Ascension.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

All are welcome to weekly Bible Study at St Hugh's, round the corner from the cathedral at SE1 3PT, on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. No previous knowledge required. Working through the greatest hits of the Old and New Testaments. Come to as many sessions as you would like.

<https://sthughsbermondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024 & ELECTIONS

SUNDAY 19 MAY, 1.30PM

The Electoral Roll of the Cathedral has been revised and is now published and available for inspection on Sundays or by request to Sarah Mann (Electoral Roll Officer) at sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org until 19 May.

Notices are at the South West door, notice board and on the Cathedral website of the agenda and elections to take place at the APCM on Sunday 19 May. There are vacancies for Cathedral Wardens. Nominations close on Sunday 12 May at 5.00pm. Nomination forms are available at the West End; from Sarah Mann (Electoral Roll Officer) at sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org or may be downloaded from the Cathedral website.

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are over 16, baptised, and resident in the parish, or have worshipped here regularly for 6 months or more, you are entitled to join the Electoral Roll. Joining the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to the Cathedral. It opens the way for you to participate in its governance and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for the Cathedral's representatives on Chapter and the Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll application forms are available from the Electoral Roll Officer sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org or from the post trolley which is put out at the Sunday services. To join please complete a form and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer or one of the clergy.

ST HUGH'S RETREAT TO HILFIELD FRIARY

All are welcome on our parish retreat to Hilfield Friary in Dorset Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 July. An opportunity to eat and pray together, go for walks in the countryside and learn more about Franciscan spirituality. Cost £150 bed and meals (transport not included – cost tbc, no more than £100). 17 places are available, going first to St Hugh's.

If you would like to be put on the reserve list, please contact:

thomas.sharp@southwark.anglican.org

CITY & GUILDS OF LONDON ART SCHOOL EVENT

FRIDAY 17 – SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

You are warmly invited to a two-day free admission event for London Craft Week 2024. Attendees will enjoy an engaging programme of activities showcasing some of the historic and contemporary craft skills we champion on our undergraduate and postgraduate courses. This will include printmaking workshops, our annual wood and stone carving competition, carving open studios, conservation demonstrations, exhibitions and more.

124 Kennington Park Road, SE11 4DJ

Please visit our website for full information and our opening hours:
<https://www.cityandguildsartschool.ac.uk/london-craft-week/>

SILENT GROUP

SUNDAY 19 MAY, 9.45AM

The Silent Group will be meeting on Sunday 19 May 2024 at 9.45am. This is a small group which gathers for half an hour of silent meditation every month.

If you would like to join us or need further details, please speak to Caroline Clifford or Linda Ridgers-Waite.

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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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