

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 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.

You are welcome to take photographs of the Cathedral but please do not take any photographs or videos during the service.

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.



Alternatively, either before or after the service, there are several donation points in the Cathedral where you can make your donation, or you can simply scan the QR code, or text SOUTHWARK (Amount) to 70085 (one standard rate message is also charged). Thank you very much for your generous support of the Cathedral.

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, Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor, 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.

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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.

Silence is kept.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.1-8

The response is:

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion. **R**

The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you. **R**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living. **R**

THE SECOND READING

James 3.1-12

Read by **Matthew Peck**

A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the word of eternal life.

All **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8.27-end

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Please be seated.

THE 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.

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 **Jessica Kingsley***

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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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.**

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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**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 Blessèd Virgin Mary 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*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.*

NOTICES

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 15 SEPTEMBER ♦ THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
9.00am **Eucharist** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*
9.30am **Eucharist at St Hugh's**
The Rev'd Khadisha Smart, Diocese of the Windward Islands
11.00am **Choral Eucharist*** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** *Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor*
6.00pm **Compline†**
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MONDAY 16 — FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

- 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**
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SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER ♦ MATTHEW

- 9.00am** **Morning Prayer***
9.30am **Eucharist**
4.00pm **Evening Prayer**
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SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER ♦ THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
9.00am **Eucharist** *Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian*
9.30am **Eucharist at St Hugh's**
The Rev'd Greg Stark
Assistant Chaplain, Emmanuel College, Cambridge
11.00am **Choral Eucharist*** *Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian*
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** *Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor*
6.00pm **Compline†**

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 LISTENING TEAM

Would you like to talk to someone confidentially? Is something/one on your heart? The Cathedral Listening team are volunteers, who sit in the Retrochoir behind the High Altar after the Choral Eucharist on a Sunday, ready to listen to anyone who would like to talk in confidence. They are available from after the service until 1.00pm. If you would like to talk to a Cathedral Listener, please approach them directly or sit nearby if they are already occupied.

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 session is on Sunday 22 September.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

We would love to get to know you, so please complete a Newcomer form, available from the stewards or contact the Sub Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

The Thursday Bible Study at St Hugh's, Bermondsey SE1 3PT is inclusive, friendly and perfect for beginners or growing your confidence.

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

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STEWARDS NEEDED

We are looking for friendly stewards to support the services here at the Cathedral. If you enjoy meeting people and looking for a role, please consider joining the team. The Guild of Stewards are regular members of the congregation who welcome and facilitate visitors and the congregation before, during and after Cathedral services. Duties include greeting visitors, handing out service sheets, directing people to seats during services and communion and assisting the Clergy and Vergers with their duties. If you wish to find out more or apply, please contact Volunteer Officer Sharda Rozena: sharda.rozena@southwark.anglican.org.



GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting we launched the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as a new way of giving to the Cathedral on a regular basis. We encourage everyone to move to this improved system. Visit <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works/> or speak to Canon Michael Rawson for more information.

To sign up you will need your personal bank account details; the name of our parish: **Southwark Cathedral**; the PGS code for our parish: **370637001**; whether you are eligible for Gift Aid.

FRIENDS' QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER, 6.45PM

Join the Friends of Southwark Cathedral at their annual Quiz Night. Bring your family and friends to make a team or book an individual ticket to test your general knowledge and support the Friends. Visit the website to find out more and to book. <https://bit.ly/3PbIFUd>

ORGAN RECITALS

EVERY MONDAY, 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

16 September	Richard Pinel	St Mary, Bourne Street
23 September	Karin Zuza	Ljubljana, Slovenia
30 September	Kayol Lam	Leipzig
7 October	James Gough	Southwark Cathedral
14 October	Alessandro Bianchi	Switzerland

ROBES SLEEPOUT

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

On **Friday 29 November** the Robes Project is hosting the annual SleepOut in the Cathedral churchyard. It would be great to have a good number of the Cathedral community taking part. Please register at robes.org.uk/sleepout-robles

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCISCANS IN ENGLAND

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

9.00am Morning Prayer at the Cathedral, followed by a pilgrimage walk to All Hallows Eco-Church, Copperfield Street for refreshments and a sing-along of St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures*.

12:00pm Roman Catholic Mass celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

Book here:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/franciscan-800th-london-registration-944258180637



PRAYER LIST

THE SICK

Nigel S, Charlie P, Debbie S, Norma AW, Dorothy M, Harriette KD, Loraine G, Tim D, Alan, Pam H, Natasha, Anita H, John R, Penelope, June B, Peter, Sarah R, Maurice D, Sheena, Courtenay, Lorrie P, Lizzie G, Barry H, Carol F, Michael O, Hannah T, Tony C, Tara, Steve B, Leigh, Evelin J, Amanda E, John P, Dennis K, Carolyn M, Vincent M, John C, John G, Helen S, Elizabeth H, Dinah K, Dan F, Ben A, Sally P, Jean P, Eve M, Pam M, Patricia N

THE DEPARTED

Sarah Kent, Peggy Deboo, Derek Bartlett, Liza Feldman, Roger Chumbley, Jenny Mastoraki, Jacqui Armstrong, Sarah Jane Nixon-Sommerville, Ben Thapa

YEAR'S MIND

Susan Cowdell, Emily Carew, Sheila Gilchrist, Roy Williamson, Virginia Davidson, Kevin Mann, Jean Freeman

CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (St Mary, Bergen, Norway)

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer (St Alfege, Greenwich)

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor (St Mary, Lewisham)

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark (St Mary, Farleigh, PM)

RENEWAL OF THE PRAYER LIST

We will be starting a new prayer list on Sunday 22 September. All names will be removed but any name can be included again (usually for four weeks) by emailing michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

Visiting Preachers at St Hugh's



Ross Meikle



9.30am Sunday 25 August
Missioner for Young People, Salisbury Cathedral



Clifton Nedd



9.30am Sunday 8 September
Coordinator, Anglican Communion Youth Network



Khadisha Smart



9.30am Sunday 15 September
The Parishes of St Joseph, St Philip & St Matthias
St Vincent & The Grenadines



Greg Stark



9.30am Sunday 22 September
Assistant Chaplain, Emmanuel College, Cambridge



Micheal Lawrence



9.30am Sunday 29 September
St Stephen, Princes Town, Trinidad & Tobago



Rachel Noel



9.30am Sunday 20 October
St James, Pokesdown, Diocese of Winchester

St Hugh's is round the corner from Southwark Cathedral and London Bridge Station at SE1 3PT. It is an inclusive Church of England church.

www.sthugsbermondsey.org.uk

St Hugh's Church



The Rainbow Room

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SOUTHWARK

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making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you 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 ('over-the-river'). 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.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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