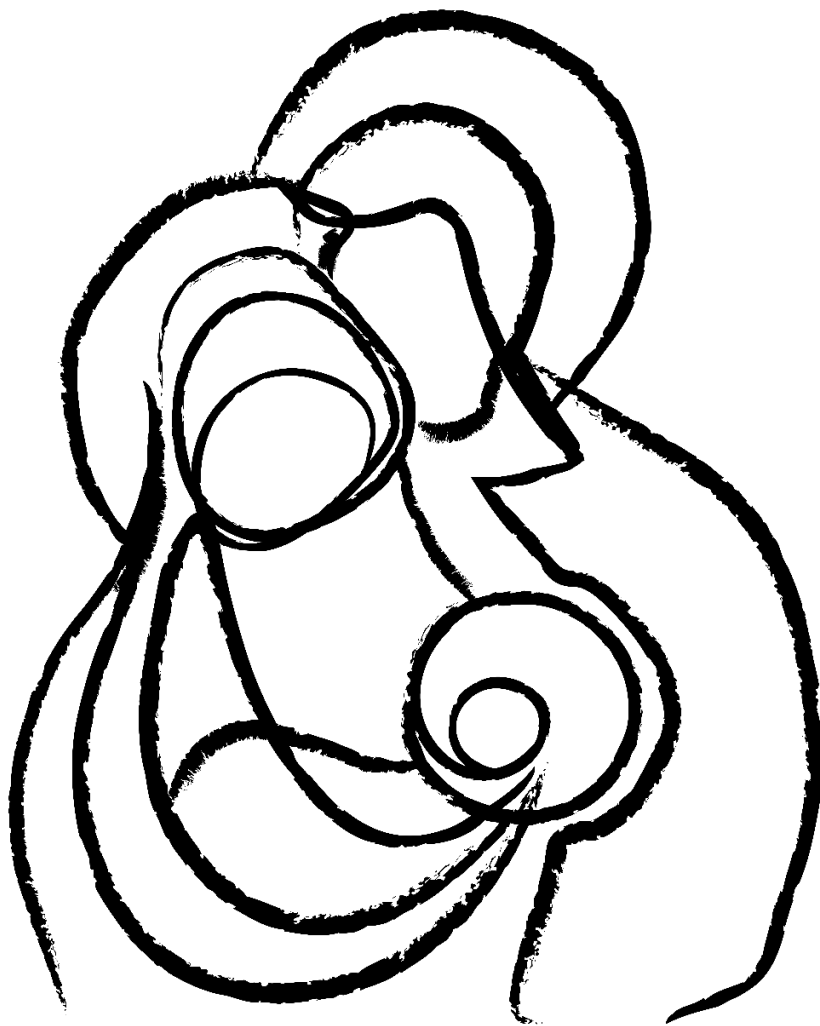


SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆



◆ CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ◆

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024
MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2024
6.00PM

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A MEMBER OF THE



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CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir

directed by

Simon Hogan, Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music

ORGANIST

James Gough, Assistant Organist

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

In dulci júbilo, BWV 729 ♦ J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Rhapsodie sur deux Noël's ♦ Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Christmas Cradle Song ♦ Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Please know how welcome you are to Southwark Cathedral. It is a pleasure to have you with us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, and we really hope that you feel at home here. This is a Cathedral for all people, we celebrate human diversity for the gift of God it is, and you have a place here as part of our community.

This year we have been focusing on what impact we want the Cathedral to have in people's lives. We are drawn to the idea that the Cathedral is here to: 'Make space for love – with heart, mind, and soul'. We are living at a time when there is a great need to make more space for love and kindness, for bridge-building and working together for the common good, and for making a stand against hatred. Southwark Cathedral is committed to helping meet this need. We invite you to join us.

Advent is a time when we also prepare to make space for Love. At Christmas, we see the human face of God in the child Jesus, and we celebrate Love coming amongst us in the dirt and straw of displaced lives. Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said that: 'Religion is like a knife. You can either use it to cut bread, or stick in someone's back.' Only one is the authentic, spiritual, and Christian way of being religious. Bread needs to be shared today as much as ever, and friends will be made in the sharing. It is to this, the way of making space for love, that we commit ourselves here at Southwark, and you are most welcome to join in that journey.

All of us here wish you a very peaceful and blessed Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Mark Oakley
Dean

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Please remain seated for:

THE WELCOME

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

Please stand for:

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

TUNE: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Melody from *Piae Cantiones*
Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582

TEXT:

Latin, Prudentius (348-413)
tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)

Please remain standing.

THE BIDDING

22nd Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

23rd Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor

We have come together as the family of God, in our Father's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save:

for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world;

for the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognise their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please remain standing as the Choir sings:

THE CHOIR CAROL

Wolcum Yole from **A Ceremony of Carols** ♦ **Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)**

Wolcum, Wolcum,
Wolcum be thou hevenè king,
Wolcum Yole!
Wolcum, born in one morning,
Wolcum for whom we sall sing!

Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon,
Wolcum, Innocentes every one,
Wolcum, Thomas marter one,
Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere,
Wolcum, Twelfththe Day both in fere,
Wolcum, seintes lefe and dare,
Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!

Candelmesse, Quene of bliss,
Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.
Wolcum, Wolcum,
Wolcum be ye that are here, Wolcum Yole,
Wolcum alle and make good cheer.
Wolcum alle another yere,
Wolcum Yole. Wolcum!

Please be seated for:

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 3.8-15

22nd Daniel Chumbley, Cathedral Warden

23rd Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor and Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry & Continuing Ministerial Education

The Fall

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR CAROL

Adam lay ybounden ♦ Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long;

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkès finden
Written in their book.

Ne had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A been Heaven's Queen.

Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen:
Deo Gratias!

THE SECOND READING

Isaiah 11.1-9

22nd **Melissa Tutesigensi-Charles, Cathedral Congregation**

23rd **The Rev'd Jonathan Macy, Diocesan Disability Advisor**

The Peace that Christ will Bring is Foreshown

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR CAROL

A tender shoot ♦ Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Please stand for:

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

CHOIR

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

CHOIR

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

ALL

And through all his wondrous childhood
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

TUNE: IRBY

H. J. Gauntlett
(1805-1876)

TEXT:

C. F. Alexander
(1818-1895)

Please be seated for:

THE THIRD READING

Luke 1.26-38

22nd Astrid Maytum, Server, St Hugh's Bermondsey

23rd Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian and Dean of Cultural Diversity

The Angel Gabriel Visits the Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR CAROL

The Seven Joys of Mary ♦ arr. William Whitehead (b. 1970)

The first good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of one;
To see the blessed Jesus Christ
When he was first her son.

*When he was first her son, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of two;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To make the lame to go.

To make the lame to go, good man...

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of three;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To make the blind to see.

To make the blind to see, good man...

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of four;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To read the Bible o'er.

To read the Bible o'er, good man...

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of five;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To raise the dead alive.

To raise the dead alive, good man...

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of six;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To bear the Crucifix.

To bear the Crucifix, good man...

The next good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of seven;
To see her own son Jesus Christ
To wear the Crown of Heaven.

To wear the Crown of Heaven, good man...

Amen!

THE FOURTH READING

Matthew 1.18-23

22nd A Cathedral Chorister

23rd Reg Amoah, Racial Justice Training & Resources Officer

The Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR CAROL

Sussex Carol ♦ arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

Please stand for:

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:

Refrain

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heav'nly Father
A blessèd angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:

Refrain

But when to Bethlehem they came
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:

Refrain

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and fellowship
Each other new embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:

Refrain

TUNE: GOD REST YOU MERRY

trad. London carol melody
arr. David Willcocks

TEXT:

Traditional

THE FIFTH READING

Luke 2.8-16

22nd Paul Timms, Dean's Verger

23rd Beverley McBean, Administrator for Clergy Formation

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR CAROL

Nowell, sing we ♦ Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Nowell sing we, both all and some
Now *Rex pacificus* is come.

Exortum est in love and lysse.
Now Christ His grace He gan us gysse,
And with His body us bought to bliss,
Both all and some.

De fructu ventris of Mary bright,
Both God and man in her alight,
Out of disease He did us dight,
Both all and some.

Puer natus to us was sent,
To bliss us bought, fro bale us blent,
And else to woe we had ywent,
Both all and some.

Lux fulgebit with love and light,
In Mary mild His pennon bright,
In her took kind with many might,
Both all and some.

Gloria tibi ay and bliss,
God unto His grace He us wysse,
The rent of heaven that we not miss,
Both all and some.

Please stand for:

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

John 1.1-14

22nd The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

**23rd Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer
and Director for Clergy Formation & Initial Ministerial Education**

St John Unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing to sing the Hymn, during which a collection will be taken.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Refrain

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

Child, for us sinners,
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:

Refrain

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

Plainchant, arr. J. F. Wade (1711-1786)
& David Willcocks (1919-2015)

TEXT:

Latin
trans. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

Please be seated after the prayer for:

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

Please stand.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as one with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth:

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

TEXT:

Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)

Please remain standing for:

THE COLLECT & THE BLESSING

22nd The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun

23rd The Bishop of Croydon, The Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemarie Mallett

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with his joy and peace
and make you partakers in the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The congregation remain in their places until the procession of Choir and clergy has departed.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in B major, Op. 7 No. 1 ♦ Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Thank you for joining us. 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. We look forward to welcoming you back.

WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE & THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER Christmas Eve	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	12.30pm	Midday Prayer
	12.45pm	Eucharist
	3.00pm	Crib Service
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
	8.30pm	The First Eucharist of Christmas*

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer*
	9.00am	Eucharist with Carols
	9.30am	Quiet Christmas Day Communion at St Hugh's
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist*
	1.00pm	Cathedral closes

THURSDAY 26 — SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER STEPHEN JOHN THE HOLY INNOCENTS	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	8.30am	Morning Prayer*
	9.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist*
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
	6.00pm	Compline [†]

MONDAY 30 DECEMBER	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER New Year's Eve	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer
	10.30pm	Watchnight Gathering at St Hugh's
	11.15pm	Watchnight Service at St Hugh's

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS New Year's Day	9.00am	Morning Prayer*
	9.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

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SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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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