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CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

11.00AM

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The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor



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The Merbecke Choir



SETTING

Missa Aeterna Christi munera
G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 739
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand and turn to face the Crib in the West end as the clergy enter and the Choir processes to its place.

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.**

Beloved in Christ, on this holy day we come to the crib as did the Magi, bringing our gifts, bringing ourselves, our hopes and fears. We worship the Christ Child as King in the gold of our obedience; we worship him as Lord in our incense of lowliness; we worship him as Saviour with the oil of gladness and bitter myrrh of the tomb. We kneel and adore him, for the Lord is his name.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AT THE CRIB

Please remain standing to sing the Hymn, which is accompanied by offerings at the Crib.



We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

GOLD |

Gold is presented at the Crib.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Refrain

The President says:

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

Frankincense is presented at the Crib.



Frankincense to offer have I:
 incense owns a Deity nigh;
 prayer and praising, gladly raising,
 worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright;
 westward leading, still proceeding,
 guide us to thy perfect light!*

The President says:

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
 to you be praise and glory for ever!
 As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
 so may we be presented before you
 with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
 to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Myrrh is presented at the Crib.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

The President says:

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

As the clergy move to the Tower Space, please turn to face the Altar.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings 'alleluia!'; 'alleluia!'
the earth replies.

Refrain

TUNE: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

TEXT:

J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

The President says:

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As we stand before you,
our hands are empty but our hearts are full
and we bring them gladly.
All things come from you O Lord,
and of your own do we give you.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

THE WELCOME

The President welcomes the congregation.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King:
forgive our reluctance to seek you.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The magi presented rich gifts
to the child Jesus:
forgive our clenched hands and ungenerous hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated when the President sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
and goodwill to his people.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You who takes away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
you who is seated at the right hand
of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,
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

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 60.1-6

Read by **Lorna Holder**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72.10-15

The response is:



The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
 the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
 All kings shall fall down before him;
 all nations shall do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
 the needy and those who have no helper.
 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
 he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
 and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
 may prayer be made from him continually
 and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.1-12

Read by **Peter Toyne**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as the Procession moves into the Nave.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Please be seated after the opening prayer.

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 C. E. Lord

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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, 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 OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 49ii



Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

TUNE: EPIPHANY

J. F. Thrupp (1827-1867)

TEXT:

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd be God,
who makes the darkness of our hearts
a dwelling place for eternal light.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All 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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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.	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyị... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... ОТЧЕ НАШ... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
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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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Three Kings • Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
All Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.
All Amen.

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 FINAL HYMN

NEH 47



As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

TUNE: DIX

From a chorale by C. Kocher (1786-1872)
Abridged by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix
(1837-1898)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 • J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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WORSHIP

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Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY ♦ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS / THE EPIPHANY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist of the Epiphany <i>The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist of the Epiphany at St Hugh's <i>Mary O'Neill, LLM</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist of the Epiphany* <i>The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 6 JANUARY ♦ THE EPIPHANY — FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

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

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY ♦ THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>The Ven John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Mary O'Neill, LLM</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Ven John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth</i>
12.30pm	The Blessing of the River Thames on London Bridge
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

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 are on break until Sunday 12 January.

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE CLERGY

A big thank you from the clergy for all your cards, good wishes and encouragement during Advent and the Christmas season. You are an amazing community and it is a privilege for us to accompany you on our shared journey.

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/>

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

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.

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

JANUARY 2025

The Cathedral Robes team will be hosting 20 guests on Friday nights / Saturday mornings from 10 January until 29 March. As part of our hospitality we offer toiletries and also new socks, underwear, hats and gloves for our guests. The majority of our guests are men.

We rely on your generous donations each year and if you are thinking of buying a gift for someone you love for Christmas and are able to buy an extra set for our guests it will make a huge difference. Please leave any gifts with the Vergers.

If you would like to join the team and fancy cooking, welcoming guests and sorting hospitality then please contact one of the team leaders on nptryner@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TREES SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS



We are very grateful to the Friends of Southwark Cathedral for sponsoring the Christmas trees in the Cathedral.

We are always looking for new Friends – you can find out more by visiting [our website](#), using the QR code or contacting Kate Dean: kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Money counter volunteers help with the financial administration of Southwark Cathedral by counting, detailing and logging monies from each service/collection. The money counters meet every fortnight, usually on a Wednesday, but this can be weekly at busy times like Christmas. Minimum commitment is three months.

For further information please contact the Volunteer Officer Sharda Rozena on 020 737 6739 or email Sharda.Rozena@southwark.anglican.org.

THE BLESSING OF THE RIVER THAMES

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025, 12.15PM

Join us and our friends from St Magnus the Martyr on London Bridge as we bless the River Thames and all those who live and work on and by it.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

We are delighted to participate in an ecumenical service exchange with our friends at St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral. These services offer an opportunity to celebrate the bonds of friendship that unite us across denominational boundaries. The services will be further enriched by the participation of the choirs and musicians of both cathedrals. We warmly invite you to join us on these occasions as we come together in worship and fellowship.

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY, 3.00PM ♦ Southwark Cathedral

Southwark Cathedral will host the St George's community for a traditional service of Solemn Vespers. The preacher will be **Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's**.

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 4.30PM ♦ St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 7HY

The Southwark Cathedral team will lead **Choral Evensong** at St George's. **Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor**, will officiate and **Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor**, will be preaching.

MISSION ALLOCATION 2024

Each year we give 10% of planned giving and Sunday collections to charities. The total amount to give away this year is £24,334. 10 shares each amounting to £2,400 are given with a balance of £334.00 in reserve for an emergency.

Decisions were made according to the Five Marks of Mission as agreed by the Chapter and each had to be a registered charity. There was also a strong desire to remain committed to some key charity partners, the Manna Centre and USPG. 17 projects or organisations had been nominated by members of the congregation. The charities we have chosen to support are as follows:

Annual Support

Manna Centre

Support in Southwark for homeless people and makes referrals to the the Robes Project.

Mission: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

USPG

Partners in Global Mission: an Anglican mission society supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve.

Evangelism: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Li Tim-Oi Foundation

Set up to support women clergy across the world in their training and ministry, and is named after Li Tim-Oi who was ordained 80 years ago.

Service: To respond to human need by loving service

Deptford Methodist Mission Disabled People's Contact

A local organisation reaching out to disabled and older people isolated and separated from families and original communities. Our minibuses weave between luxury developments of Greenwich, Woolwich and Surrey Quays to collect around 60 members who are often isolated from the community around them. We offer friendship, a healthy cooked meal, handicrafts, advice, entertainment and trips out to a pub, gardens, the sea side and general shopping. 40 volunteers delivering around 14,000 hours a year helping with the preparation and serving of meals, chatting, laundry, escorting and busy in our on-site Charity Shop, The Well.

Nunhead's Voice Limited

Founded to benefit residents of Nunhead through education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation with objective of improving quality of life, e.g.

- The Ivy Club started from a Southwark Council grant to provide activities for older people (social, physical and mental wellbeing)
- Nunhead's Voice Free Community Program - nature club and tot's track activities, local community centre, community cafe, community garden.

Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal

Nepal Leprosy Trust is a Christian organisation that serves people affected by leprosy as well as others who are ill, needy, marginalised, disabled or poor. At the Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital and Services Centre (LLHSC) they strive to provide compassionate high quality, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care and also work towards active community outreach and social support and training programmes.

Societal: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

Community of the Cross of Nails

The Cathedral is a member of CCN. Loving service, challenging violence and the pursuit of peace and reconciliation are at the heart of its mission.

Power the Fight

Power the Fight's key aims are to educate, equip, engage and enable Church and Community Groups to be part of the solution to youth violence.

Environmental: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Tree Musketeers

Volunteers:

- Grow trees at our community Tree Nursery.
- Plant trees in parks and other green spaces across Hackney.
- Plant and care for Hackney community orchards.
- Support local groups to plant trees on estates and green spaces.
- Manage forest trees in Wick Woodland.
- Work with Hackney Council and other community organisations to promote good practices for urban tree stewardship.

Roots and Shoots

Roots and Shoots is an educational and environmental charity based in Kennington (annual income £1.4m). It is a well established vocational training organisation for young Londoners with an Education, Health and Care Plan. It has bio diverse wildlife gardens which enables collaboration with local community groups, offering a safe haven for both people and nature to flourish.

SEEING THE SPIRIT: LIBERATION & JUSTICE IN ART BY WOMEN

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY, 12.30PM

The Rev'd Dr Ayla Lepine will give an illustrated talk looking at the artists Claudette Johnson, Corita Kent, and Barbara Walker, and the relationship of their work with social justice. There will be an opportunity for questions, and the event will be finished at 1.30pm. This is the first of our 'Visual Theology on a Sunday' series of talks and all are very welcome! Ayla is the Associate Rector of St James', Piccadilly. She has held Fellowships at Yale's Institute of Sacred Music, the University of Essex, and the National Gallery. She publishes and lectures widely, particularly on the intersections of social justice and modern visual culture.



PRAYER LIST

THE SICK

Norma AW, Diane P, Susan S, Anne S, Tim D, June B, Pamela H, Helen L, Debbie W, Zak, +Christopher, Vincent M, Alan BF, Baby Benjamin, Alan H, Pippa R, Eddie L, Tom, Larisa, Christopher KD, Alan P, Helen S, Roxanne W, Pam M, Jean P, John R, Elizabeth H, Sally P, Maurice D, Amanda E, Dinah K, Sarah R, David H

THE DEPARTED

Jane, Tim Goad, John Pitwood

YEAR'S MIND

Ron Bowles, Percy Hills, Frances Shaw, Eric Tucker, Alison Collings

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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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