

April

9 April

Wednesday 6pm

Unmaking Mary: The Myth of Divine Motherhood

FREE

The Director of Theos, Chine MacDonald, talks about her new book in which she argues that for two thousand years, the Virgin Mary has been depicted throughout art, literature and culture as symbolising the perfect mother: chaste, beautiful, meek, mild and white. These supposed virtues and symbols have penetrated not just Christianity but wider popular culture. They have, she concludes contributed to harmful views about motherhood and what it is to be a woman.

How to book tickets

Bookings for events held at the Cathedral can be made on the Cathedral's Eventbrite page. This can be accessed directly via the link, <https://bit.ly/3OndaWr>.

27 April

Sunday, 9.45am

'Embodied Theology': What we do with our bodies in worship

FREE

Ever wondered why certain bodily things happen during the Sunday service? Why are the Gospel book and altar kissed, why do some bow halfway through the Creed, why are the priest's arms sometimes open wide and sometimes shut? Come and find out and ask Canon Roxanne Eversley all those questions you've been wanting to ask.



Holy Week 2025

13 – 20 April

This year our preacher during Holy Week is **Bishop Rob Wickham**. Bishop Rob served as Bishop of Edmonton in the Diocese of London from 2015-2023, and he is now CEO of the Church Urban Fund. The Fund's mission is 'to tackle complex challenges of poverty and exclusion across England by mobilising people, churches, and whole communities to make a positive difference'.

Winter/Spring 2025

Living Faithfully

A programme of events and
courses to develop and deepen
our faith

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Living Faithfully programme. Whether you worship at the Cathedral already or want to explore your own faith and the ways it relates to our daily life and the world we live in, we look forward to welcoming you to one of our upcoming events.

January

19 January

Sunday, 12.30pm

Seeing the Spirit: Liberation and Justice in Art by Women

FREE

The Rev'd Dr Ayla Lepine gives an illustrated talk in the Cathedral. This is the first in our 'Visual Theology on Sundays' series. She will explore the work of Claudette Johnson, Corita Kent, and Barbara Walker, and its relationship with social justice.

February

6 February

Thursday, 7pm

44 Poems on Being with Each Other

£7 (via Eventbrite)

Pádraig Ó Tuama, the internationally acclaimed poet, theologian, and host of the Poetry Unbound podcast, explore poems of connection, in conversation with the Dean, Mark Oakley.

19 February

Wednesday, 6pm

The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry

FREE (via Eventbrite)

In the Retrochoir, the Dean, Mark Oakley, introduces his book on poetry and faith which won the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing.

Why is poetry important for faith, and how might poems be channels for prayer and spiritual attention?

23 February

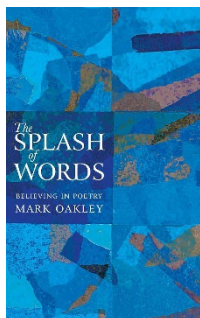
Sunday, 9.45am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: An Introduction for Anxious Anglicans

FREE

"All may, some should, none must."

Sacramental Confession is one of the hidden treasures of the Anglican Church. It is more akin to a spiritual spring-clean than to a session with the Grand Inquisitor. Yet few know that it is available or imagine that they might find it helpful. As Lent approaches, come and discover something of the theology and practice of the sacrament of reconciliation with the Precentor, Canon Kathryn Fleming.



March

6 March

Thursday, 6.30pm

When Courage Calls: Josephine Butler and the Radical Pursuit of Justice for Women

£6 (via Eventbrite)

Sarah C. Williams introduces the subject of her new book. Josephine Butler (1828-1906) was a remarkable woman who, inspired by her faith, raised public awareness of the plight of destitute women, worked to address human trafficking and led a vigorous campaign to secure equal rights for women before the law.

9 March

Sunday, 12.30pm

Rule of Life Follow Up

FREE

This is an opportunity for anyone who came to the Rule of Life talk at the beginning of January to discuss how making a Rule has been going, to ask questions, and discuss anything that has emerged since our last conversation. Some might be willing to share their Rule or talk about what came to light as they drafted one.



Lent Book Group

Sundays in March (9, 16, 23 and 30), 9.45am

This year we will be studying **'Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith'** by Selina Stone. This book makes the wisdom of Black spiritualities and faith available for all people. It focuses on seven themes: darkness as a place of encounter with the divine; the unity of all things; movement, belonging and migration; the Spirit as one who moves in unexpected ways; quiet contemplation as essential to spiritual growth; healing in community; and weeping that turns into joy.

Missed the Rule of Life talk?

If you missed the Dean's first 'Rule of Life' session and want to find out more before the follow up, you can listen back to it via our YouTube channel.

Scan the QR code (right) to go straight to the recording.

