

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025

9.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please ensure that all electronic devices are switched to silent.

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 Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, 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

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 in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
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.

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.

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19.1-6

The response is:

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world. **R**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Read by **Nigel Paine**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4.14-21

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

THE CREED

Please stand.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Please be seated or kneel.

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

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
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.

<https://bit.ly/3T6o2tL>



THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of power and love,
by your Holy Spirit,
draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity
and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
- All We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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

And now we give you thanks
because you gather your scattered children into your Church
to be as one even as you, Father, are one
with your Son and the Holy Spirit.
You call us to be one people,
to praise your wisdom in all your works,
to be the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

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

- All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**
- Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 anyi... Fader vâ... 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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 Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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 26 JANUARY ♦ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
9.00am **Eucharist** *Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor*
9.30am **Christingle Service at St Hugh's**
The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark
11.00am **Choral Eucharist*** *Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor*
3.00pm **Evening Prayer**
4.30pm **Choral Evensong at St George's Cathedral, Southwark**
Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor
6.00pm **Compline†**
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MONDAY 27 – FRIDAY 31 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**
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SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY

- 9.00am** **Morning Prayer***
9.30am **Eucharist**
4.00pm **Choral Evensong**
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SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY ♦ THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
9.00am **Eucharist** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*
9.30am **Eucharist at St Hugh's** *The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor*
11.00am **Choral Eucharist*** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*
3.00pm **Evening Prayer**
6.00pm **Beyond the Stable: A Candlemas Carol Service**

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 5 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 6, 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 and will be meeting today in the JTW Room. Future meetings are on 9 February and 16 March.

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.

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/>

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 are hosting 20 guests on Friday nights / Saturday mornings until 29 March. As part of our hospitality we offer toiletries and also new socks, underwear, hats and gloves for our guests. All our guests are men.

We rely on your generous donations each year and if you are able to buy something for our guests it will make a huge difference. Please leave any gifts with the Vergers.

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.

LEAFLETS: MODERN SLAVERY AND LIVING FAITHFULLY

Look out for the leaflets advertising the new Living Faithfully programme and the Modern Slavery awareness programme.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are delighted to participate in worship 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 are further enriched by the participation of the choirs and musicians of both cathedrals. We warmly invite you to join us this afternoon as we come together in worship and fellowship.

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 4.30PM, ST GEORGE'S RC CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK

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.

RETELLING THE URBAN FOX: A COLLABORATIVE FAIRY TALE

Are you interested in expressing your opinions on urban foxes creatively and earning £100? Then we would love to hear from you. The School of Advanced Studies is looking for participants for the project "Retelling the Urban Fox: A collaborative fairy tale". To apply and for more information, please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/L39v9LWGUr>

VISITOR SURVEYS

We are currently undertaking some research to help us learn more about our audiences and how we can give them the best possible experience. If you have visited the Cathedral either regularly or as a one off anytime from May 2024 to today, we would really appreciate you taking the time to fill in the survey <https://tinyurl.com/mrxf9uf8>. The survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete.

Anything you tell us will be kept confidential, is anonymous, will be held securely and will only be used for research purposes.

CATHEDRAL VISION

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025, 12.30PM

The Dean will introduce our Cathedral Vision for the coming five years. We would love to see you there.

BEYOND THE STABLE: A CANDLEMAS CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025, 6.00PM

Join us for a beautiful service to celebrate Candlemas. This candlelit service will feature a blend of traditional choral anthems sung by the Choir, poetry, readings and congregational carols, offering a perfect opportunity to reflect and rejoice in the light of Christ as we reach the end of Epiphanytide.

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM

27 January	James Gough	Southwark Cathedral
3 February	Richard Cook	St Edmundsbury Cathedral
10 February	Daniel Baker	London
17 February	Yvette Murphy	St Saviour's Pimlico
24 February	Iain Quinn	Florida State University

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PRAYER LIST

THE SICK

Diane P, Christopher KD, Susan S, Anne S, Tim D, Rob W, Pamela H, Helen L, Alan P, Zak, Vincent M, Tom, Alan BF, Baby Benjamin, Pippa R, Larisa, Eddie L, Julia R, Caroline C, Helen S, Roxanne W, Pam M, Jean P, John R, Elizabeth H, Sally P, Maurice D, Amanda E, Dinah K, Sarah R, David H, Lizzie G, Ben A

THE DEPARTED

Nicholas Roskill, June Brewer, Norma Ashe-Watt, Nazma Chattergee

It is with sorrow that we record the recent deaths of Nicholas Roskill, June Brewer and Norma Ashe-Watt who were longstanding and faithful members of the Cathedral community over many years and will be greatly missed. May they now rest in the peace and love of the risen Christ.

June Brewer's funeral is on Thursday 6 February at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road, London, SW19 6SP.

Norma Ashe-Watt's funeral is on Friday 14 February at 12.00pm at Southwark Cathedral.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

YEAR'S MIND

Elisabeth Dunman

CLERGY AWAY

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer (St Swithun, Hither Green)

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor (All Saints, Kingston)

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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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