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PASSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025

9.00AM

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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 Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer, and the Preacher, The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, enter.

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

The congregation are sprinkled with holy water as a sign of penitence, recalling Psalm 51:

*"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleans us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43.16-21

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126

The response is:

The Lord has done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3.4b-14

Read by **Matthew Peck**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

John 12.1-8

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell
Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem

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

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

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



THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

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 and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
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.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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| All | Our Father in heaven, | Baba wa... |
| | hallowed be your name, | Notre Père... |
| | your kingdom come, | 天におられる私たちの父よ... |
| | your will be done, | Nna anyi... |
| | on earth as in heaven. | Fader vār... |
| | Give us today our daily bread, | Pai nosso... |
| | Forgive us our sins | हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... |
| | as we forgive those who sin against us. | Padre nuestro... |
| | Lead us not into temptation | 我們在天上的父... |
| | but deliver us from evil. | Отче наш... |
| | For the kingdom, the power, | 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... |
| | and the glory are yours | Πάτερ ἡμῶν... |
| | now and for ever. | اے ہمارے باپ |
| | Amen. | |

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
 until he comes.**

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. 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.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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 6 APRIL ♦ PASSION SUNDAY

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
- 9.00am** **Eucharist** *The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell*
Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem
- 9.30am** **Eucharist at St Hugh's**
The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark
- 11.00am** **Choral Eucharist*** *The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell*
Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem
- 3.00pm** **Choral Evensong** *Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor*
- 6.00pm** **Stations of the Cross**
(recorded and available online after the event)
- 6.00pm** **Compline†**
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MONDAY 7 – FRIDAY 11 APRIL

- 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 12 APRIL

- 9.00am** **Morning Prayer***
- 9.30am** **Eucharist**
- 4.00pm** **Choral Evensong**
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SUNDAY 13 APRIL ♦ PALM SUNDAY

- 8.30am** **Morning Prayer***
- 9.00am** **Eucharist with the Preaching of the Passion**
- 9.30am** **Eucharist at St Hugh's** *The Rev'd Delorine Green*
- 11.00am** **Palm Sunday Procession & Choral Eucharist***
- 3.00pm** **Choral Evensong & Holy Week Address***
The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham
- 4.30pm** **Holy Week Meditation**
- 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 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 is 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.

GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL

The Sub Dean will lead a Q&A session on the Parish Giving Scheme after the 11.00am Choral Eucharist on Palm Sunday, 13 March. Everyone is welcome!

Everyone should have received an email about joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as a new way of giving to the Cathedral on a regular basis. We are encouraging everyone to move to this improved system. If you need any help signing up online or if you would prefer to have a paper copy of the application form please speak with our wardens, Linda and Daniel or contact Canon Michael Rawson.

You can sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzdpuhp>

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

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.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

The revision of the Electoral Roll will close on 13 April 2025.

Joining the Roll is a mark of your membership of the Cathedral community. It is a statement of witness and discipleship, of being 'part of the family', whether you are able to be active or have little time to spare. The Roll helps to identify and encourage the worshipping community, and it assists the Cathedral to communicate with you. We very much hope that you will want to be fully part of our community. Please sign up as soon as possible!

You can fill in an application form either electronically

<https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/about-us/cathedral-community-and-congregation/electoral-roll/> or by completing a paper form available from the back of the Nave and posting it in one of the collection boxes. If you have any questions, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org or speak to one of the Electoral Roll Champions.

PASSION SUNDAY PREACHER

TODAY, SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025, 9.00AM & 11.00AM

We are delighted to welcome The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, to preach for us on Passion Sunday. Canon Richard will be preaching at both the 9.00am and 11.00am Eucharists – do join us and meet Canon Richard over refreshments after the services.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TODAY, SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025, 6.00PM

Join us for a devotional journey for Passiontide with music from the Merbecke Choir. This will be recorded and available online after the event but will not be livestreamed.

HOLY WEEK SERIES: A GAME OF THRONES

with **The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham**

Join us for this year's Holy Week Address Series which will be given by The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham, former Bishop of Edmonton and CEO of the Church Urban Fund.

PALM SUNDAY, 3.00PM *A Beast of a Burden*

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, 6.00PM *Just get off your backside*

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, 6.00PM *Money spent (un)wisely*

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, 6.00PM *Hey, that's my livelihood*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6.30PM *A Usual Family Dinner, excerpts from the Farewell Discourses*

GOOD FRIDAY, 12.00PM *Slumped then stabbed, Gabbatha, Parched and perfect*

EASTER DAY, 3.00PM *A moment of truth*

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE POETRY!

The first programme in a short podcast series called The World Needs More Poetry! is now available. The series asks invited guests to choose a favourite poem and then chat to the Dean about why it is important to them. The series begins with Stella Kanu, Chief Executive of Shakespeare's Globe, who has chosen Roger Robinson's 'A Portable Paradise'.

THE NAZI MIND: 12 WARNINGS FROM HISTORY

In the Cathedral's latest podcast, the Dean, Mark Oakley, discusses Laurence Rees's latest book, 'The Nazi Mind: 12 Warnings from History', with the author. It is a book which combines history and the latest research in psychology to help answer some of the most perplexing questions surrounding the Second World War and the Holocaust. Ultimately, he delves into the darkness to explain how and why people were capable of committing such abhorrent crimes. Rees traces the rise and eventual fall of the Nazis through the lens of 'twelve warnings' – from talk about 'them' and 'us' to the escalation of racism – whilst also highlighting signs to look out for in present day leaders.

Each podcast will be 30 minutes long and the first may be found here: [The Southwark Cathedral Podcast: Southwark Cathedral](#). Subscribe via our YouTube channel and Apple podcasts, or listen on our website.

THANK YOU FOR USING THE QR CODES FOR SERVICE SHEETS

We are really grateful to all those who are accessing the Sunday service sheets on their phone or device via the QR codes. This is an important part of our mission to reduce paper consumption and printing in our aspiration to care for the environment and achieve the Eco Church Gold Award. We will always ensure that there are paper copies of service sheets for those who want them. If you haven't yet tried the QR codes we would encourage you to ask a Steward and use the download.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL

This year the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call focuses on calling people to pray for and raise money for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental health in our Link Dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese. <https://tinyurl.com/sfrant83>

Please do pray for them and consider giving at <https://tinyurl.com/ycm7ay44>

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

CHRISTCHURCH, BLACKFRIARS

A huge thank you from the guests and volunteers staffing the Robes Shelter at Christchurch, Blackfriars for your very generous donations of clothing and toiletries. We have been hosting guests at the shelter on Friday nights from the beginning of January and it will close for this season on Friday 28 March.

Dan, Ross and Neil the Team Leaders would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers for their time, commitment and desire to make a difference in a practical way, demonstrating kindness and hospitality.

Robes is a key part of delivering the Cathedral's strategic vision. We make space for our guests to pause and take stock and give a hand with the very practical support of food, showers and a warm place to sleep. With these basic human needs met our guests can begin to focus on moving forward and moving away from a life on the streets. Thank you!

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

LONDON MARATHON

Amine, a member of the Comptoir Gourmand team in the Cathedral Café, is running the London Marathon in support of Children with Cancer UK. You may like to sponsor him at <https://2025tcsllondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/amine-firouchane>

LENT ARTWORK: BEHOLD THE MAN

Our Lent artwork, Behold the Man by Norman Adams, is now on display in the Sanctuary.

Behold the Man can be contrasted with Adams' [Christ's Entry into Jerusalem](#). Following that jubilant occasion, we see a man in the hands of his enemies.

The face of Christ was a constant theme for Adams. He had two distinct ways of portraying him: as the cosmic Christ or, as here, the man of sorrows. We see Jesus preparing for immense suffering. Beneath the flame-coloured crown of thorns, his face is imprisoned behind bars, or perhaps the cross itself. Although the colours are bright, his eyes are dark, blinded by crosses. The painting's diamond shape resembles an opened-out envelope: something to convey a message perhaps?

The Passion was a common theme for Adams for fifty years. Early versions showed the whole Christ and were more formal. This painting is different. Here we look directly into the face of suffering – we behold the man.

The Dean says of the painting, 'The beauty of art is that sometimes, although we don't feel we understand it, we nevertheless sense that it understands us. To spend time with Adams' "Behold the Man" is to immerse ourselves in the suffering of Jesus, but it is also to see within ourselves something of the trials we undergo, and the prisons we are capable of putting others in, beholding, as it were, the shadows of humanity. I hope you'll find yourself drawn in to this work over the coming weeks of Lent'.

Norman Edward Albert Adams (9 February 1927 – 9 March 2005) was a British artist, and professor of painting at the Royal Academy Schools. He was married to the English poet and artist Anna Adams (1926–2011).

Visitors are invited to write a short, written response in the visitors' book.

Copies of Seeing the Spiritual, books of postcards and posters of the painting are on sale in the Cathedral Shop.

CONFIRMATION GROUP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

Our **Youth Confirmation Group** for young people in years 7 and above will begin on 4 May at 4.15pm for six weeks with the Confirmation on the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday 7 June.

For more details and to register your interest please contact the Sub Dean, michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

HOLY WEEK MEDITATION

PALM SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 2025, 4.30PM

Join us for a Holy Week Meditation with music by Bach, Dupré, Duruflé, Hakim, Messiaen and Tournemire performed by James Gough, Acting Sub-Organist with readings given by Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor.

SILENT PRAYER GROUP

On the 3rd Sunday of each month there is an opportunity to join others in silent, contemplative prayer. It is an opportunity to be attentive to the peace and reconciling presence of God's love. The group meets in the Library at 9.45am for a 9.55am start. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2025, 4.00PM

'Michael and Neil would be delighted if you are free to join them for Evensong at 4.00pm on Friday 29 August 2025, following their Civil Partnership and for a glass of fizz after the service.

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. Contact Bukky Omisakim for more information: <https://sthughsbermondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM

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| 7 April | Victoria Ulriksen (Norway) |
| 14 April | Charles Spanner (Dover) |
| 21 April | Easter Spectacular, performed by Simon Hogan <i>A festive recital of organ favourites.</i> |

WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY? WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

SUNDAY 4 MAY, 9.45AM

An introductory training session (1 hour) in the Library, for members of the congregation and Cathedral volunteers. All are welcome to come and learn about this year's social justice focus. This will be led by Babette Clarke from Hestia, our partner charity. This is an accessible introduction offered to increase our awareness – please join us.

VISIT FROM BERGEN CATHEDRAL

We are looking forward to welcoming a group from our linked Cathedral in Bergen over the weekend of 9 – 11 May. We hope to be able to arrange for some of our visitors to stay with members of the congregation during their visit. This can be an enriching experience, and has led to some close friendships in the past. Norwegians tend to speak very good English so language is not a problem. If you would like to offer some warm Southwark hospitality, please could you let Frances Hiller or Canon Michael Rawson know.



PRAYER LIST

THE SICK

Diane P, Christopher KD, Theodora M, Caroline W, Richard R, Mo, Pamela H, Helen L, Alan P, Zak, Tom, Rachel M, Alan BF, Sister Sue, Pippa R, Larisa, Donna, Emily P, Caroline C, Debbie L, Anne S, Cathy 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, Lizzie G, Benjamin, Hannah C

THE DEPARTED

Alan Young, Charles Andrew Lord, Michael Oyo, Tim Day, Ben Ackland, Marie Novello Bruntnell, Michael Timms, Richard Owen, John Paul Hoskins

YEAR'S MIND

Helen Mills, Christopher Morgan

CLERGY AWAY

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark (St Paul, Wimbledon)

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (All Saints, Tooting)

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor (St Christopher, Walworth)

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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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