

SOUTHWARK  
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**EUCCHARIST**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025

9.00AM

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## WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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### PHOTOGRAPHY

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You can also support the Cathedral by buying your books from the ethical online bookseller [bookshop.org](https://bookshop.org) and designating Southwark Cathedral shop for the 30% of purchase price donation they offer us.

*Please stand as the President, The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, enters.*

## THE GATHERING

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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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All      He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

*Silence is kept.*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All      Lord, have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and unbelieving.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All      Christ, have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All      Lord, have mercy.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from all your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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**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

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Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

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**Acts 9.36-end**

*Read by the Duty Verger*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

# THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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## Psalm 23

*The response is:*

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

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### **Revelation 7.9-end**

*Read by Hilary Bagshaw*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**All Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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**John 10.22-30**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

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



## THE CREED

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*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

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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 **Grant Tripp***

*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

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*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

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The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you. Alleluia.**

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

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Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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**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.**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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

**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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All      Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
             you have set us free.  
             You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

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Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray.

*Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.*

<b>All</b>	<b>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.</b>	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

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We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

<b>All</b>	<b>Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.</b>
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## AGNUS DEI

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<b>All</b>	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</b>
	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</b>
	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</b>

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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

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*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

**All      Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE NOTICES

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*Please be seated.*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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*Please stand.*

The Lord be with you  
**All      and also with you.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**All      Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*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

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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.

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### SUNDAY 11 MAY • THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>The Rev'd Delorine Green</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
6.00pm	<b>Compline†</b>

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### MONDAY 12 — FRIDAY 16 MAY

9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	<b>Midday Prayer</b> <i>with The Litany of Reconciliation</i> (Friday only)
12.45pm	<b>Eucharist</b>
5.30pm	<b>Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong</b>

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### SATURDAY 17 MAY

9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
4.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>

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### SUNDAY 18 MAY • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
6.00pm	<b>Compline†</b>

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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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](mailto: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. **The next session is on Sunday 18 May.**

## CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

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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

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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

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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](mailto:cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org)

**Helen Quintrell** [hmqmc3@gmail.com](mailto:hmqmc3@gmail.com)

**Jill Tilley** [jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org)

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

## SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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Hosted by members of the Southwark Cathedral team, each episode delves into an area of our mission and opens up a side of our work beyond the pulpit.

Listen to our latest episode here: <https://southwarkcathedralpodcast.podbean.com/>

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

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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](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## CONFIRMATION GROUP

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The Youth Confirmation Group has been postponed until the autumn with the Confirmation taking place at the end of November. Please contact [michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org) for further information.

## SILENT PRAYER GROUP

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On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

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### 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

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### MONDAYS, 1.20PM

12 May	Richard Moore (Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford)
19 May	Steven Grahl (Trinity College, Cambridge)
26 May	Jake Scicinski (London)

## CATHEDRAL WARDENS

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Notices are at the South West door, notice board and on the Cathedral website of the agenda and elections to take place at the APCM on Sunday 11 May. There are vacancies for Cathedral Wardens. Nominations close on Sunday 11 May at 10.00am. Nomination forms are available from the Sub Dean, Canon Michael Rawson.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

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The new Electoral Roll is available for inspection to enable anyone to check whether their name is on it.

Enquiries or corrections may be sent to: [sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.mann@southwark.anglican.org)

## BIENVENUE! VELKOMEN!

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Welcome to our friends from Bergen Cathedral, Norway and Fr Julien Aumont from Rouen who are visiting us this weekend.

## PRIDE IN LONDON 2025

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Pride in London will take place on 5 July this year – save the date as the Cathedral will be taking part in the parade!

## APCM

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### TODAY, 1.00PM

The APCM will begin at 1.00 pm in the Nave. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 are now available. Copies will also be available at the APCM today.

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## PRAYER LIST

### THE SICK

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Diane P, Christopher KD, Theodora M, Caroline W, Mo, Zak, Brian H, Cathy P, Barbara M, Anne S, Tom, Rachel M, Alan BF, Sister Sue, Pippa R, Larisa, Joy, Emily P, Caroline C, Debbie L, 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

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John O'Toole, Colette Samual, Pamela Hewitt, Richard Owen, Patricia Hare, Kat Mason

### YEAR'S MIND

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Michael Anthony Holmes, Dimitri Savoulidis, Eudora Milton King, Ken John Livingstone, Ben Carrol

### CLERGY AWAY

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Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor (St Philip, Norbury)

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (Reconciling Mission conference, Nottingham)



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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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