SOUTHWARK ◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

EUCHARIST

BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 9.00AM



WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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 HM Revenue & Customs.

Contactless donations can be made by selecting your donation amount and tapping the terminal provided by the stewards.



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 <u>bookshop.org</u> 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

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

We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ΑII 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 43.8-13

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from Prophet Isaiah.

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say. 'It is true.'

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,

nor shall there be any after me.

I. I am the Lord.

and besides me there is no saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed,

when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.

I am God, and also henceforth I am He;

there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145.1-7

The response is:

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

I will exalt you O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever. **R**

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. **R**

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Acts 5.12-16

Read by Mark Harrington

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has done marvellous things:

Let all the world rejoice and be glad.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22.24-30

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.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

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

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 Jessica Kingsley

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 fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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.



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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, accept all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.

We ask this 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 formed your Church on the apostles to stand firm for ever, as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness and the living gospel for all to hear.

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.

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 vår... Pai nosso...

हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父...

Отче наш...

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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. Receiving Communion in one kind is still receiving Communion in full. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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 24 AUGUST • BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

8.30am Morning Prayer*

9.00am Eucharist The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's The Rev'd Delorine Green

11.00am Choral Eucharist*

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

3.00pm Choral Evensong Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor

6.00pm Compline[†]

MONDAY 25 — FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

9.00am Morning Prayer*

9.30am Eucharist (Monday & Tuesday only)12.30pm Midday Prayer (except Monday)

with **The Litany of Reconciliation** (Friday only)

12.45pm Eucharist (except Monday)

4.00pm Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

9.00am Morning Prayer*

9.30am Eucharist

4.00pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST • THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am Morning Prayer*

9.00am Eucharist Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
 9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's The Rev'd Delorine Green
 11.00am Choral Eucharist* Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

3.00pm Choral Evensong

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

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 and YOUTH XPRESS

Our young people's Sunday groups are now on their summer break and will resume in September.

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

We are encouraging everyone to join the Parish Giving Scheme. 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 Kristin or contact Canon Michael Rawson.

The Cathedral is keen to change to a more ethical and environmentally friendly bank and the move from a large number of standing orders to one monthly transfer from the Parish Giving Scheme makes this aspiration achievable.

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.

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 <u>michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org</u>

PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Parish Picnic, Sunday 31 August 2025 - immediately after the 11.00am service.

For planning purposes, it will be helpful to know **how many** of you are able to be with us and **what food you are thinking of bringing** to share. (We hope to avoid the hundred sausage rolls scenario!)

We all know people with allergies will appreciate it if you list the ingredients of the food you bring to share on the day.

Linda and Kristin will be available to gather information in-person after the 11.00am service on 17 and 24 August, but sending the quick RSVP from the link below would be a great help. (Only 3 questions!)

Please RSVP: https://forms.gle/AtXr6N1smmJUi7e76

WHAT ARE THE PSALMS? WITH MARK OAKLEY

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST, 9,45AM, GARRY WESTON LIBRARY

Join us for this short introduction to the most popular book of the Bible, the Psalms. What are they? Who wrote them? Why are they so loved? How can we use them devotionally? The Dean will explore these and other questions you might have.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH PRAYERS FOR NEIL & MICHAEL

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2025, 4.00PM

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

LIVING FAITHFULLY

The summer Living Faithfully programme is now available on our website.

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

FRIENDS' CÈILIDH AT THE CATHEDRAL, FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2025

The Ceilidh takes place on Friday 17 October. Joining us will be The Ceilidh Tree providing live music and helpful instruction as we dance in the beautiful cathedral. Reduced price tickets are available via Ticket Tailor.

PILGRIMAGE TO WINCHESTER

The pilgrimage continues and the group walk together on the third Saturday of each month. All tickets can be purchased via the Friends' pages on Eventbrite.

VISIT TO LINDISFARNE

We are planning a Spring weekend away to visit Lindisfarne from 30 April to 3 May. If you are interested in joining please contact Kate in the Friends office for more information.

BECOME A FRIEND

Still thinking of joining us? We'd love to welcome you. The Friends play a vital part in contributing to the future of the Cathedral and its mission and membership costs from £25 a year. <u>Join the Friends today!</u>

CONTACT FRIENDS' OFFICE

You can email the Friends: <u>Kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org</u>, call 020 7367 3724 or post to:

The Friends of Southwark Cathedral Southwark Cathedral London Bridge London, SE1 9DA

RENEWAL OF THE PRAYER LIST

At the beginning of September we will be refreshing our Cathedral prayer list. If there is someone's name that you would like to keep on the prayer list then please let michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org know. Names are usually on the list for four weeks but can be for longer.

FESTIVAL OF PREACHING EUCHARIST WITH THE RT REV'D MARIANN BUDDE

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM, NAVE

The Rt Rev'd Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington in The Episcopal Church, USA will preside and preach at the Church Times and Hymns A&M Festival of Preaching Eucharist. The entire day requires registration but all are welcome to join this Eucharist. This year's festival theme is "Preaching Truth to Power."

PEACE DOVES

31 JULY - 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

We are delighted to be hosting *Peace Doves*, an extraordinary installation created by internationally acclaimed sculptor Peter Walker. This impactful installation in the Nave features thousands of paper doves decorated with messages of peace.

Peace Doves is a large-scale, mass participation artwork featuring thousands of paper doves carrying personal messages of peace, hope and love. The doves all carry unique messages, written by visitors, school children and community groups, and together they form a breathtaking installation that offers a serene space for contemplation and hope. Bathed in gentle, evocative lighting and at times accompanied by an original score by David Harper, the exhibit transforms the venue into a sanctuary of quiet reflection.

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

2-9 MARCH 2026

This Ecumenical Pilgrimage for the Diocese of Southwark and the Archdiocese of Southwark will be led by Bishop Christopher; Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark; The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark; and Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Full details and booking information on our website:

https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/worship-and-music/pilgrimage/southwark-ecumenical-pilgrimage-rome-and-assisi/

UNITY GROUP VISIT TO ROUEN

24-26 OCTOBER 2026

The Unity Group is planning to visit our friends from our linked Cathedral in Rouen from 24 – 26 October. If you would like to visit this beautiful city, and take part in the programme arranged by the Rouen Cathedral Unity Group, please could you email or otherwise inform Deacon Frances Hiller franceschiller@gmail.com. Participants will be making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. We would particularly welcome French speakers!

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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/

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/

PRAYER LIST *

THE SICK

Diane P, Christopher KD, Theodora M, Caroline W, Mo, Zak, Matthew H, Anne S, Tom, Debbie L, Alan BF, Sr Sue, Pippa R, Larisa, Caroline C, Margaret DB, Ryan D, Millie K, Bryan H, Henrietta E, Chinu' Susan J, Frances G, Wanda K, Kat M, Sam J, Hannah W, Rachael M, Hugo S, Carol F, John G, Mark S, Dee Dee HS, Errol H, Helen S, Hannah C, Pam M, Jean P, Benjamin, Elizabeth H, Sally P, David H, Amanda E, Dinah K, sarah R, Lizzie G

THE DEPARTED

Tim Minett, Suzanne, Pamela Wright, Irene Greensted, Barry Chorlton

YEAR'S MIND

lan Andrew Hughes, John Kenneth Horan, Anthony Casey, Christopher Standing, Roger Chumbley

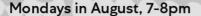
CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (St Augustine, Grove Park) Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor (St Mary, Merton)

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL *

2025

Summer Organ Festival



4 August

Wayne Marshall

in conversation with Dr Andrew Gant from 6.30pm

11 August

Simon Hogan

in conversation with Peter Wright from 6.30pm

18 August

Andrew Dewar

in conversation with James Gough from 6.30pm

25 August

Isabelle Demers

in conversation with Katelyn Emerson from 6.30pm

Tickets

from £12 (concessions available). Available from the Cathedral website and Eventbrite.

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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-theriver'). 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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