

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025
9.00AM

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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 bookshop.org and designating Southwark Cathedral shop for the 30% of purchase price donation they offer us.

Please stand as the President, Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor, 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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**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 ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
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.

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

Proverbs 25.6-7

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112

The response is:

Blessèd are those who fear the Lord.

Alleluia.

Blessèd are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **R**

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes. **R**

They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour.
The wicked shall see it and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;
the desire of the wicked shall perish. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Read by Juanita Fan

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening:
you have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14.1, 7-14

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

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 **Nigel Paine***

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

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

Blessèd be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

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.**

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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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

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 anyị... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गवासी 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 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.
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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

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. Receiving Communion in one kind is still receiving Communion in full. 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 come forward for a blessing.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
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 31 AUGUST • THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

MONDAY 1 — FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.00pm	Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land (Friday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer <i>with The Litany of Reconciliation</i> (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER • THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
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 on Sunday 14 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 michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

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.

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. [Join the Friends today!](#)

CONTACT FRIENDS' OFFICE

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

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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.

LISTEN SWEET DOVE: THE MERBECKE CHOIR

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Join the Merbecke Choir for beautiful music on the theme of peace underneath *Peace Doves*. Please see the website for more details.

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.

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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/>

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

Roger Chumbley, Mark Robinson, Michael Grater, Margaret Baddiley

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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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