

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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THE BLESSÈD VIRGIN MARY
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 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, 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 are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,
yet we have grieved him.
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,
to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

Silence is kept.

The Angel announced to Mary,
and she said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord,'
but we have run away from your call.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Mary awaited the fulfilment of all that was promised to her,
but we have been distracted and rebellious.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Mary cared for Christ from the cradle to the cross,
but we struggle to be faithful to you, to one another or ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
Jesus Christ 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 61.10-end

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45.10-end

The response is:

On your right stands the queen in garments of gold.

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him;
Daughter Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth. **R**

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
in many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king. **R**

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

Read by **Sue Reardon Smith**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1.46-55

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.

Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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 **Matthew Peck***

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of 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

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your son at the breast.
nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**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 and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,
and on this feast of Mary, ever blessed,
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.

For you have truly done great things
and holy is your name,
and your mercy is on those who fear you
in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant
you remembered your promise of mercy
and gave the world through her
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you
and rejoice in your presence for ever.
May our voices join with theirs
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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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 स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... Отец 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.**

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. 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.

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

As living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

All Thanks be to God.

*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 7 SEPTEMBER • 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 Delorine Green</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†

MONDAY 8 — FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer <i>with The Litany of Reconciliation</i> (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
17.30pm	Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Festival Eucharist for the Church Times Festival of Preaching <i>The Rt Rev'd Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington</i>
4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER • HOLY CROSS

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist for Green Communion Sunday <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Delorine Green</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist for Green Communion Sunday with Baptisms* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Installation of Helen Smee as Director of Music <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</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

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Christian Aid is partnering with OCHR (Organisation for Coordination of Humanitarian Relief) to provide life-saving rescue operations for those trapped under the rubble and to many more in need of drinking water, food, shelter, blankets and cooking sets, and critical medical supplies.

They have created this a prayer for the disaster you can find on their webpage and you can donate at this link to support this relief.

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-010726>

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:

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

BERGEN CATHEDRAL CHOIR COFFEE CONCERT

TODAY, 12.45PM, NAVE

We welcome the Bergen Cathedral Choir who are not only leading our worship but will perform a short “Coffee Concert” at 12.45pm. Please do move into the nave with your drink to enjoy music from our friends from Norway.

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 – 13 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.

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS GROUP

25 SEPTEMBER, 4.30-6.30PM, ZOOM

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) group at Southwark Cathedral exists to raise awareness and to equip members of the cathedral community to be reconcilers and peace makers. One bi-product of reconciliation and peace making can be forgiveness. Our friends at the [Forgiveness Project](#) provide opportunities and resources for people to explore the complexities of forgiveness such as participative online gatherings (Forgiveness Cafe) which explore forgiveness in a communal, discussion-based setting. The next Forgiveness Cafe is on September 25th, online (Zoom) 4.30-6pm. To book, head to [The Forgiveness Project](#). See you there!

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*. Entry is free.

TWO NEW PODCAST EPISODES

It's time to listen to our two new Southwark Cathedral podcast episodes! In our series 'The World Needs More Poetry', the Dean talks with Dame Mary Beard about her choice of poem – The Odyssey by Homer. The second podcast is the Dean's talk from last Sunday on 'What are the Psalms?'

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

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/>

LIVING FAITHFULLY

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

FAC COMMITTEE

The Care of Cathedrals Measure requires the Fabric Advisory Committee to be an independent body whose role is to advise Chapter and determine Chapter's applications on the care, conservation, repair and development of the cathedral, its setting and any significant objects it holds. We are seeking new members for the new quinquennium, commencing in Spring 2026, in which period the Cathedral hopes to deliver significant and exciting projects in line with the new vision.

This is a voluntary role for 5 years. The committee meets at least four times a year on a weekday for 2 hours.

Please see the website for further details:

<https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/about-us/job-vacancies/>

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

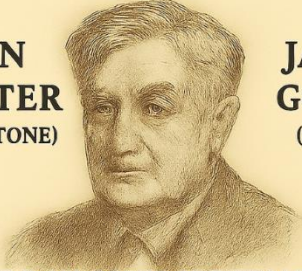
The Thursday Bible Study at St Hugh's, Bermondsey SE1 3PT is inclusive, friendly and perfect for beginners or growing your confidence. Contact Bukky Omisakim for more information: <https://sthughsbermondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

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THROUGH LIFE'S JOURNEYS**

**INCLUDING
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS'
SONGS OF TRAVEL**

**BEN
CARTER**
(BARITONE)



**JAMES
GOUGH**
(PIANO)

**SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 6PM
ST MATTHEW'S WESTMINSTER**

IN AID OF THE ROBES HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

FROM MICHAEL & NEIL

Neil and Michael would like to thank everyone who came to their celebration on Friday 29 August and for your cards, gifts and love. We feel hugely blessed and loved.

PRAYER LIST ♦

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Tom, Sr Sue, Caroline C, Margaret DB, Frances G, Milie K, Sam J, Hugo S, John G, Mark S, Dee Dee HS, Errol H, Helen S, Pam M, Sally P, Dinah K, Jean P, Sarah R, Roxanne W, Ann FO

THE DEPARTED

Irene Greensted, Barry Chorlton

YEAR'S MIND

HLM Queen Elizabeth II, Woyin Karowei Dorgu, Timothy Ash, Derek Turner, Richard Shaw, Peach Sholeh, Graeme Norwell, John Martin

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SOUTHWARK

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making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames, in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie ('over-the-river'). With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation, the Priory became a parish church, and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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