

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025
9.00AM

SOU

THW

ARK

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 Roxanne Eversley, Librarian, 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 is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.’

We come into God’s presence aware of past failures and seeking God’s forgiveness. In particular, this Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for all who have been abused and for the healing of minds and memories. In silence we bring before God our community in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
hear us as we cry out to you in our need and anguish:
Lord, forgive us

All and heal us.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
or our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord, forgive us

All and heal us.

For sins of negligence and ignorance:
Lord, forgive us

All and heal us.

For feeble faith and judgemental attitudes:
Lord, forgive us

All and heal us.

THE ABSOLUTION

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where 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

Malachi 4.1-2a

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98

The response is:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvellous things:
With his own right hand and with his holy arm,
He has brought deliverance. **R**

The Lord has made known his righteous love,
In the sight of all mankind,
And his faithfulness and truth
Toward the house of Israel. **R**

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Read by **Jessica Kingsley**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. this was not because we do not have that right. but in order to give you an example to imitate. for even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21.5-19

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.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian

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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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 स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... ОТЧЕ НАШ... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
------------	---	--

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

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

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Please stand.

The President invites the congregation to renew their commitment to making our Cathedral a place of safety and hospitality.

Our vision calls us to make space for Love with heart, mind and soul.

Today, we are reminded that the work of safeguarding is a shared responsibility – a calling for each of us and a vital embodiment of our vision.

Will you do all in your power to ensure that our Cathedral can be a place of safety for all?

All We will.

Will you care for the vulnerable and support the distressed?

All We will.

Will you seek to recognise the image of God in all God's children?

All We will.

**All Loving God,
you hide us under the shadow of your wing
and keep us safe under your feathers.
We pray for those who serve
in a safeguarding role within our Church.
Bless them all with your gifts
of wisdom, discernment, kindness and courage.
Help us to support them in their role,
To remember them in our prayers,
and to respond to their promptings,
so that this Cathedral may be a place of true welcome and sanctuary
for all who come through our doors.
for we ask it in Jesus's name.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you his peace;
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 16 NOVEMBER • SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Delorine Green</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong with Be a Chorister for a Day Participants <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 17 – FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
3.30pm	Evening Prayer
4.00pm	Diocesan Confirmation Service

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER • CHRIST THE KING

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>The Rev'd Dr Jonathan Dean, Chair of the London District of the Methodist Church in Great Britain</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Delorine Green</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Rev'd Dr Jonathan Dean, Chair of the London District of the Methodist Church in Great Britain</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <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

Junior Xpress is for children in Reception to Year 5, gathering each week in term time in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go for worship and activities before rejoining the rest of the congregation for the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. Children are warmly invited to join Junior Xpress, especially if this is their first time. More details can be obtained from the Sub Dean:

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast is provided. We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. The next Youth Xpress is on 23 November.

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 many 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.

15th ANNUAL ROBES SLEEP OUT

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 7.00PM

This year will be the 15th Annual Robes SleepOut here at the Cathedral!

Please hold the date – this is one week earlier than usual, so please make a note.

You can make a big impact by sponsoring our Dean, Sub Dean, Junior & Youth Xpress and the Lay Clerks:



[The Very Rev'd Dr
Mark Oakley,
Dean of Southwark](#)



[Canon Michael
Rawson,
Sub Dean & Pastor](#)



[Junior / Youth
Xpress](#)



[The Lay Clerks](#)

Also please **sign up to sleep out** and get sponsors to donate on your behalf:

<https://robes.org.uk/sleepout-robes/>

Not sleeping out? That's ok!

Register to join us for the SleepOut Entertainment at 8.00pm this Friday 21 November.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/robes-sleepout-2025-entertainment-tickets-1964830463809?aff=oddtcreator>

Come hear the Dean interview Guy Stagg about his 10-month pilgrimage from Canterbury to Jerusalem, listen to the amazing London Sings! Community Choir, and also the fantastic Shalom Chorale Gospel Choir, as well as the Southwark Cathedral Lay Clerks! Suggested minimum £10 donation to Robes at the door.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristin Ruby (klruby2006@yahoo.com) or Maggie Still (smeetowers@gmail.com).

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 Officer or Representatives in the first instance:

CSO **Neil Morter** neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org

CSRs **Cherry James** cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org

Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org

Russell Silverwood

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

PILGRIMAGE TO WINCHESTER

We are now on a winter break from the monthly pilgrimage. We'll be starting again in March from Four Marks on the last few stages of our pilgrimage to Winchester.

WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 10.30AM-1.30PM

For the first time the Friends will be running a Wreath Making workshop led by our amazing flower arranging lead, Patricia Ellis. You can book your tickets via this link on Ticket Tailor. Tickets are strictly limited and further information is also available via this link

<https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofsouthwarkcathedral/1932761>

POP-UP PRESERVES STALL

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 9.30AM-12.45PM

Once again the Friends will be running a pop-up stall selling various flavours of marmalade and jam, together with chutneys and other homemade goodies. A great opportunity to stock your cupboards for the festive season.

ADVENT TEA

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 4.45PM

Members of the Friends and their guests are invited to join us for Advent tea before enjoying the Advent Procession. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

AN EVENING WITH THE DEAN: DISCS FOR A DESERT ISLAND

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER, 6.15PM

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley will be in conversation with Michelle Lovric as he explores his essential music choices and other essential items when swept away to a desert island. Festive drinks will be served on arrival. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

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 missions. 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

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

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/>

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

TODAY, SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Today we will introduce Neil Morter, our new Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, and commission our volunteer Safeguarding reps during the 11.00am service. 2026 will be a big year for Safeguarding here in the Cathedral, and there will be a short presentation both between the services at 10.00am in the JTW Room and after the 11.00am in the Nave to begin to prepare us for this as a community. Please do aim to be here if you can.

LIVING FAITHFULLY: WHAT IS THE CAMINO?

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 9.45AM

Today the shrine of St James in Santiago attracts half a million pilgrims a year, rising from a mere 67 in 1972. It is said that walking the Camino changes you – it's a chance to find a new version of yourself. Neil Tryner thought it was just a walking route when he walked his first in 2015. Seven Camino journeys later he has changed his mind. Neil will share his journey, what has changed, what he left behind and rediscovered.

ROBES SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Our Robes team will be hosting 20 guests one night a week from Friday 23 January providing food, welcome, laundry and hospitality for 12 weeks.

If you would like to join the team either on Friday evening, Friday night or Saturday morning please contact Neil Tryner, nptryner@gmail.com one of the team leaders who can explain what is involved.

PRUNELLA SCALES (1932-2025)

We are saddened by the news of the death of Prunella Scales who was a regular and committed worshipper at the Cathedral over many years. May she rest in the peace and love of the risen Christ. The Sub Dean will officiate at a private family funeral.

A RETREAT ON THE ISLE OF IONA

7-12 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Dean will be leading a retreat on Iona next September entitled: '**Astonished by Love: with poetry as our guide**'. The retreat is shaped by four human themes - love of creation, love of justice, love of God, and love of love. We will encounter classic poets such as Hafiz, John Donne, George Herbert, WH Auden, Emily Dickinson, RS Thomas, and Seamus Heaney, and be introduced to more contemporary ones such as Raymond Antrobus, Jen Hadfield, Kei Miller, Zaffar Kunial, and Carol Ann Duffy. No prior knowledge of poems or poets is required.

For more information:

<https://www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk/groups-retreats/mark-oakley>

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://sthughsberrmondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM

Join us for our regular weekly organ recitals. Entrance is free.

17 November	James Gough	Southwark Cathedral
24 November	Anthony Gritten	Royal Academy of Music

ADVENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: O ANTIPHONS

SUNDAYS 14 & 21 DECEMBER, 9.45AM

Please join us for one or both of these Advent sessions on the O Antiphons. The O Antiphons accompany the Magnificat during the last days of Advent. Come along for a session on the "traditional Os" on the 14th and/or a more contemporary interpretation on the 21st. More details to come.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH OPEN LETTER IN RESPONSE TO LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

If you would like to make a response to the recent House of Bishops statement on Prayers of Love and Faith and clergy civil marriage you can sign an open letter at <https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/>

SILENT GROUP

The Silent Prayer Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next meeting is on Sunday 16 November in the Gary Weston Library. We gather from 9.45 and the silent prayer session is from 10.00-10.30am. We always have some spare seats for latecomers. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Ridgers-Waite or Lizzie James.

INEQE SAFEGUARDING AUDIT: COMPLETE THE SURVEY

As you may be aware, a safeguarding audit will be conducted at Southwark Cathedral next year by an independent organisation called INEQE. This will be part of a nationwide programme of safeguarding audits taking place across all Dioceses and Cathedrals.

In preparation for this, we are asking members of the congregation to complete the 'Responding Well Culture' survey that has been put together by the Church of England. The results from this will help provide Southwark Cathedral with an improved insight into the current culture and understanding around safeguarding, and will help to identify areas for improvement.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to complete this survey by **Sunday 30 November**. All results are anonymous, but will provide valuable information to help ensure that a safe and healthy culture is promoted at Southwark Cathedral. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and can be found using this link: [Safeguarding - Responding Well Culture Survey - Congregation – Fill in form](#)

DOGS AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

In early 2026 we will be welcoming well-behaved dogs and owners to the Cathedral following a policy being developed and approved by Chapter. We will review this in six months' time and Canon Michael Rawson will be pleased to hear any feedback during this time as well as requests for a copy of the policy. Owners are asked to respect the Cathedral as a place of worship and also as Hodge's home. Do please contact Michael if you have any questions.

SOUTHWARK STANDS TOGETHER

Southwark Stands Together is a special event in Southwark Cathedral with inspiring speakers and music to celebrate our wonderful neighbourhood and local community. It will bring people together at a time of rising conflict and racism to recognise and celebrate the strength we find in unity and shared purpose.

If you would like to attend or request further details, please RSVP by reserving a free ticket [here](#).

MISSION ALLOCATION 2025

We are at the time of year when we seek suggestions from you as to which charities we should support in the coming year. The Mission Allocation Group selects charities from the suggestions we receive and recommends them to Chapter. Depending on the level of planned giving in the previous year, each charity will receive a gift in the region of £2,400. This can make a big difference to a small charity. Please fill in the suggestion form by following the link below or by picking up a paper copy from the stewards.

[Mission Allocation Nomination Form](#) – please return your form by Monday 1 December.

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICES

SUNDAY 21 & MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2025, 6.00PM

Tickets for the Cathedral carol services will be made available from Sunday 16 November at 12.00am. To access tickets, please input the early-access code **Cathedral2025**.

From 16-30 November, tickets will be accessible only via this code, which has been shared with the Cathedral congregation, staff, volunteers and choir families.

From 1 December, tickets will be available to the general public without use of a code. The services are usually booked up very quickly, so please do make use of this early-access ticket code to avoid disappointment.

COFFEE CONCERT FOR UNICEF

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER, AFTER THE 11.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Anthony Knight, who is studying at the Royal College of Music, has been fundraising for UNICEF and completed a grand tour in 2023. He is now working his way round English cathedrals and other churches to raise awareness of their work and funds.

His recital is free, but donations can be made online at [unicef.org](https://www.unicef.org).

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Dee Dee HS, Tom, Errol H, Sr Sue CSF, Ida D, Caroline C, Jeremy B, Sam J, Hugo S, Marcia W, Julie R, Phyllida P, Santou BC, Catherine S, Justine M, Leo T, Pauline S, Francis, Larisa O, Maia, John L, George M, Laura H, Jeremy J, Helen S, Dinah K, Pam M, Jean P, Sally P, Sarah R, John G, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H

THE DEPARTED

David Homewood, Dave Church, Colin Andrews, Prunella Scales

YEAR'S MIND

Jesse Mutenga, Edward Smithies, Osman Streater

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000.

All words covered by the Christian Copyright Licensing have been reproduced under CCL licence no. 223439 and livestreaming licence 145859.

The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in the USA: Scripture quotations from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible © 1989 The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches in the USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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.

Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge
London
SE1 9DA

+44 (0)20 7367 6700
southwarkcathedral.org.uk

subscribe to our weekly newsletter on our website