

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026
11.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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CHORAL EUCHARIST

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The Very Rev'd Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark



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Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



CHOIR

The Choir of St Mary's Battersea directed by Katy Silverman



ORGANIST

Jason Mak



SETTING

**Missa brevis
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)**

Please stand as the clergy enter and the Choir processes to its place.

THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Beloved in Christ, on this holy day we come to the crib as did the Magi, bringing our gifts, bringing ourselves, our hopes and fears. We worship the Christ Child as King in the gold of our obedience; we worship him as Lord in our incense of lowliness; we worship him as Saviour with the oil of gladness and bitter myrrh of the tomb. We kneel and adore him, for the Lord is his name.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AT THE CRIB

Please remain standing to sing the Hymn, which is accompanied by offerings at the Crib.



We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

Gold is presented at the Crib.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Refrain

The President says:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Frankincense is presented at the Crib.

Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

The President says:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Myrrh is presented at the Crib.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

The President says:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings 'alleluia!'; 'alleluia!'
the earth replies.

Refrain

TUNE: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

TEXT:

J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

The President says:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As we stand before you,
our hands are empty but our hearts are full
and we bring them gladly.
All things come from you O Lord,
and of your own do we give you.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE WELCOME

The President welcomes the congregation.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King;
forgive our reluctance to seek you.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The magi presented rich gifts
to the child Jesus:
forgive our clenched hands and ungenerous hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated when the President sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
and goodwill to his people.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You who takes away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
you who is seated at the right hand
of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,
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

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 60.1-6

Read by **Michael Butscher**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

This is the word of the Lord.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The response is:



He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made from him continually
and may they bless him all the day long. **R**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.1-12

Read by **Claire Pidancet**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as the Procession moves into the Nave.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Please be seated after the opening prayer.

THE SERMON

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

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 **Sandra Elsom***

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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, 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 OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 49ii



Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

TUNE: EPIPHANY

J. F. Thrupp (1827-1867)

TEXT:

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be God,
who makes the darkness of our hearts
a dwelling place for eternal light.

All Blessed 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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
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.

The President continues:

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:

All **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
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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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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All	Lord, give us this bread always.
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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.

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.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

No small wonder • Paul Edwards (b.1955)

No small wonder
Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God - no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross - no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory, the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart - no small wonder!

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN

NEH 47



As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

TUNE: DIX

From a chorale by C. Kocher (1786-1872)
Abridged by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix
(1837-1898)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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welcoming you back.*

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Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY • THE EPIPHANY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 5 JANUARY — SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

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	Evening Prayer (Mon, Wed, Thu) or Choral Evensong (Tue, Fri, Sat)

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY • THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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 Ven Jonathan Sedgwick</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
12.40pm	Blessing of the River
3.00pm	Choral Evensong with Collation of Archdeacon of Reigate <i>The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark</i>

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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 (CSO) or Representatives (CSRs) in the first instance:

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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.

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SILENT GROUP

The Silent Prayer Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We gather from 9.45am 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. The group next meets in January.

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECTED GROUP

The next Southwark Young Adult group will meet on 5 January from 6.20-8.00pm in the Library. We will be led in a conversation about angels. This group will then meet on the first Monday of each month from 6.30-8.00pm. If you have any questions please contact Shannon.Preston@southwark.anglican.org

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

JANUARY 2026

The Cathedral Robes team will be hosting 20 guests on Friday nights / Saturday mornings from 23 January until 27 March. As part of our hospitality we offer toiletries (spray deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, shampoo and shower gel) and also new socks and underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and tracksuit bottoms for our guests. The majority of our guests are men.

We rely on your generous donations each year and if you are thinking of buying a gift for someone you love for Christmas and are able to buy an extra set for our guests it will make a huge difference. Please leave any gifts with the Vergers.

If you would like to join the team and fancy cooking, welcoming guests and sorting hospitality then please contact one of the team leaders on nptryner@gmail.com.

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.

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.

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Dee Dee HS, Tom, Abi O, Sr Sue CSF, Ida D, Caroline C, Jeremy B, Sam J, Hugo S, Julie R, Santou BC, Anna S, Glenn M, Justine M, Leo T, Pauline S, Francis, Larisa O, Nicholas, Roberto F, John L, Henrietta E, Vicky H, Jeremy J, Dinah K, Pam M, Jean P, Helen S, Sally P, Sarah R, John G, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H, Shireen

THE DEPARTED

Herewood Davies, Phylidda Previte, Colin Andrews, Chris, Don Grozier, Christopher, Julia Tum, Phui Ying Tan, James Gerrard, Catherine Spalton, Maia Elizabeth Denman, Marie Louise S, Vivian Warrington

YEAR'S MIND

Margaret Frankham, Rob Bowles, Percy Hills, Frances Shaw, Eric Tucker, Alison Collings, Norma Ashe-Watt

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REFLECTION FOR EPIPHANY

From Evelyn Underhill, *Light of Christ: Addresses Given at the House of Retreat, Pleshey, in May 1932* (London: Longmans, Green, 1944).

Let us take as our first point the story of the Magi. You know how sometimes on a pitch-black night in the country, you see far off one glimmer of light and you follow it and it turns out to be just a candle in a cottage window – but it was enough to assure you of life ahead, to give you the lead you wanted in the dark. In the same way, when the Magi turned from their abstruse calculations in search of heaven and followed a star, they did not arrive at a great mathematical result or revelation of the cosmic mind. They found a poor little family party and were brought to their knees – because, like the truly wise, they were really humble-minded – before a baby born under most unfortunate circumstances, a mystery of human life, a little living growing thing. What a paradox! The apparently rich Magi coming to the apparently poor child. There they laid down their intellectual treasures – all pure gold to them – and, better than that, offered the spirit of adoration, the incense which alone consecrates the intellectual life and quest of truth, and that reverent acceptance of pain, mental suffering and sacrifice, that death to self which, like myrrh, hallows the dedicated life in all its forms.

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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