

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026
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 Rev'd Shannon Preston, Succentor, 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

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 in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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.

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 God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49.1-7

Read by the Duty Verger

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
 and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40.1-6

The response is:

I waited patiently for the Lord.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. **R**

He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessèd is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to express. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Read by Victoria Lawson-Jack

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 1.29-42

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Shannon Preston, Succentor

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 **Grant Tripp***

These responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd 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.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the wonder of the incarnation,
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

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

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

All	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyi... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... Отче наш... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے بمارے بابا
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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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of 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.

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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/@southwarkcathedral2224streams>

Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>The Rev'd Shannon Preston, Succentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>The Rev'd Shannon Preston, Succentor</i>
3.00pm	Evening Prayer
6.00pm	Beyond the Stable: An Epiphany Carol Service*

MONDAY 19 — FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer with the Litany of Reconciliation (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
5.30pm	Evening Prayer (Mon, Thu) or Choral Evensong (Tue, Wed, Fri)

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY • THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
3.00pm	Evening Prayer
4.30pm	Ecumenical Choral Evensong at St George's Cathedral, Southwark
6.00pm	Compline & Benediction*

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:

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 russell.silverwood@southwark.anglican.org

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

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.

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.

RESPONDING WELL CULTURE SURVEY

A big thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to the National Safeguarding Team's "Responding Well Culture Survey" in November. We received 36 responses from the congregation and 38 from the staff, - which gives us a helpful benchmark in terms of engagement, on which we need to build. We should receive the questionnaire which our INEQE auditors circulate in the next couple of weeks, and the strength of the cathedral community's responses will be a really important source of evidence for them.

Overall, responses to the Culture Survey were largely positive, though we can never be complacent. A couple of comments that emerged under particular headings deserve further conversation, so if you have particular concerns or questions emerging from the survey, and would value a conversation, Neil Morter, our Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, offers a safe space for any feedback that you might feel uncomfortable airing elsewhere. Please do be in touch with him: Neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org

To summarise your responses: The majority of respondents agree/strongly agree that there is an encouragement of different perspectives and views and that the communication is respectful.

The majority of respondents disagree/strongly disagree that they would be taking a risk by expressing a different view and report that they do not have anxiety or fear about raising concerns.

The majority of respondents agree/strongly agree that we support each other through difficult times

The majority of respondents disagree/strongly disagree that there is an existence of coercive or controlling behaviour or that there is a command and control style of leadership (though several of you pointed out that you were unlikely to know whether poor behaviour is challenged, unless directly involved in such situations)

The majority of respondents agree/strongly agree that power is shared, leadership styles are inclusive, safe boundaries between people are understood and observed and that no one is left out.

The majority of respondents disagree/strongly disagree that powerful elites dominate life at the Cathedral.

The majority of respondents agree/strongly agree that people are aware of the impact they can have on others, feedback from others is welcomed, time is devoted to reflecting on behaviours, and leaders learn from failures.

The highest number of respondents agree/strongly agree that feedback to leaders has led to a change in leadership behaviour, but this is closely followed by those who are unsure. This again feels entirely reasonable, as changes in leadership behaviour as a result of feedback would only be noticeable to those who had provided that feedback. Thank you once again to those who completed the survey. It's so important that we know how it feels for you to be part of the cathedral community, so that we can address anything that makes this in any way a difficult experience for you. Please do continue to help us to reflect on where we are now, and the best way forward.

ROBES 15TH SLEEP OUT

While the Sleepout has finished, the needs of the homeless in our area continue and grow. Every £ you contribute will be well spent and provide even more satisfaction than that extra pair of socks you were considering. The Dean, Sub Dean, Lay Clerks and Junior and Youth Express would be delighted to receive more sponsorship.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support Robes.



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



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



[Junior / Youth
Xpress](#)



[The Lay Clerks](#)

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Robes Winter Night Shelter runs on Friday evenings each week from 23 January 2026 until 27 March and our volunteer team will be hosting 20 guests, providing food, welcome, laundry and hospitality.

Donations, particularly of travel-sized toiletries (spray deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, shampoo and shower gel) and new socks, underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and tracksuit bottoms are much appreciated. Please leave with the vergers.

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.

THE LODGER OF LANT STREET: CHARLES DICKENS' SOUTHWARK SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 10.30AM

Join us for a Valentines Day brunch at 10.30am before an illustrated lecture with Guy Rowston at 11.15am.

Despite early traumatic childhood days spent in Southwark, Charles Dickens went there frequently in later life. His novels show that he knew the area as well as any cabbie. We hear of Shakespeare performed on horseback, the Gordon riots, Bedlam, a notable hanging, Astley's amphitheatre, the South London novel *Little Dorrit* and a perilous ascent of the cathedral tower.

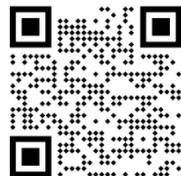


Tickets: £10.50 available via QR code or contact the office.

LENT VISIT TO ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

Together with Southwark Cathedral, which became an Augustinian Priory in 1106, and Westminster Abbey, St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield is one of the three great monastic churches that have survived in London. The Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, and the Hospital Church of St Bartholomew the Less, were both founded in 1123, and are the twin churches at the heart of the Anglican Parish of Great St Bartholomew.

Join us at 10.45am for an hour-long tour given especially for the Friends by the Head Verger of both churches. Hear about the history and highlights of the ancient building of St Bartholomew the Great. At 12.30pm we will attend Holy Eucharist at the Hospital Church of St Bartholomew the Less, after which the Head Verger will then tell us something of the history of that building, concluding at 1.30pm. There are several cafés and pubs in the area for you to purchase your own refreshments.



Tickets: £17.50 available via QR code or contact the office.

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

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>

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/>

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.

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

FILMING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Filming related to *Red, White and Royal Wedding* will be taking place around the exterior of the Cathedral over several days in late January.

- **Saturday 24 January:** Preparatory work and the installation of exterior lighting. This work will take place outside the Cathedral only and will be managed to keep noise to a minimum.
- **Sunday 25 January:** All equipment will remain in place but covered. There will be a security presence outside the Cathedral. Access for Sunday services will be via the Millennium Courtyard.
- **Monday 26 January:** Filming day. Activity will continue outside the Cathedral.
- **Tuesday 27 January (up to lunchtime):** Removal of exterior lighting and equipment.

At no point will filming take place inside the Cathedral, and services and worship will continue as normal. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of Cathedral staff.

BEYOND THE STABLE: AN EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

TODAY, SUNDAY 18 JANUARY, 6.00PM

Join us for a beautiful service to celebrate the Epiphany. This candlelit service will feature a blend of traditional choral anthems sung by the Choir, poetry, readings and congregational carols, offering a perfect opportunity to reflect and rejoice in the light of Christ.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

SUNDAY 18 – SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

This coming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are delighted to participate in an ecumenical service with our friends at St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral. This service offers an opportunity to celebrate the bonds of friendship that unite us across denominational boundaries with the choirs and musicians of both cathedrals participating. We warmly invite you to join us as we come together in worship and fellowship. The Southwark Cathedral team will lead Choral Evensong at St George's at **4.30pm on Sunday 25 January**. Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, will officiate and the Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean will be preaching.

Southwark Cathedral will host the St George's community for a traditional service of Solemn Vespers on Sunday 31 May at 3.00pm. The preacher will be Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's.

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Children in Year 3 and older who have been baptised and are regular worshippers at the Cathedral are warmly invited to be admitted to receive Holy Communion.

We will meet for a preparation workshop at the Cathedral on Saturday 28 February from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Please contact Canon Michael Rawson to register your interest

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

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/>

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.

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.

TRIANGLE OF UNITY GLOBES

You will have noticed several globe sculptures in and around the Cathedral. The sculptures were created by pupils from St Bede's (Redhill) and Bouthcher C of E Primary School are on display until Saturday 31 January.

The globes are the result of Triangle of Unity, a national learning programme developed by The World Reimagined, in partnership with the Church of England and funded by the Racial Justice Unit. Through English, Geography, and Visual Arts, young people across the UK are exploring heritage, identity, climate justice, and global connection, linking classrooms in the UK with peers in West Africa and the Caribbean. This year alone, 960 students have taken part in contributing to a growing global conversation shaped by empathy, creativity, and shared history.

TRIANGLE OF UNITY FAMILY EVENT

31 JANUARY 2026

A free, family-friendly celebration featuring a puppet walkabout by artist Judith Hope, steel-band workshops, and hands-on craft making. This will be the final opportunity to view the Globes at Southwark Cathedral.

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD: A GLIMPSE INTO THE SACRED

A new exhibition by Sylvie Toutain has now been installed in the café.

'This ongoing photographic series I have worked on since 2012, it invites viewers to peer through church keyholes around the world as I travel. For the audience the revealing of the intricate and often overlooked details of these sacred spaces. At first glance, these images may seem like simple, abstract compositions, but upon closer inspection, they reveal a wealth of historical, cultural and symbolic meaning. The keyholes, often ornate and intricately designed, serve as a threshold between the public and private, the profane and sacred. They hint at the stories, rituals and secrets that lie within the church's walls, whilst also reflecting the artistic, architectural and cultural traditions of their respective countries. As reference in Rome with the St Peter's Basilica seen through the keyhole yet, these images also evoke a new era, in which churches are often locked and abandoned, their treasures and symbols of our cultural and spiritual heritage locked within, like forgotten tombs.'

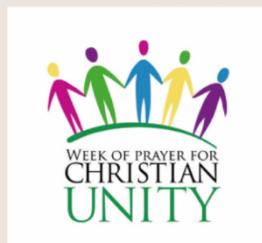
RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

23-25 JANUARY

This is the largest garden wildlife survey encouraging everyone to take part in building a picture of how garden birds are faring. The RSPB has recorded that 38 million birds from UK skies have been lost in the last 60 years. It is free to take part in the survey and all you need to do is simply spend an hour counting the birds that you see from your garden, balcony or local park. The link gives all the details and how to record the number of each species that you see at any one time. The RSPB web site also has links for the Big Schools' Birdwatch. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch>

HELEN SHIPLEY

It is with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of Helen Shipley. Helen was a long standing and committed member of our Cathedral family and a good friend to many of us. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in the peace and love of the Risen Christ. Funeral details will follow in due course.



A week of Morning Prayer Together

9am Monday 19th January - Lambeth Walk Methodist Church,
SE11 6DU

9am Tuesday 20th January - Kings College London,
Waterloo Campus, SE1 9NH

9am Wednesday 21st January - Christ Church Blackfriars, SE1 8NY

9am Thursday 22nd January - Oasis Church, SE1 7QP

9am Friday 23rd January - St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

All are welcome to join



◆ 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, Vicky H, Anna S, Santou BC, Glenn M, Justine M, Leo T, Pauline S, Francis, Larisa O, Henrietta E, John L, Roberto TF, Jeremy J, Nicholas, Vincent M, Phoebe Snape, Mia H, Dinah K, Shireen, Pam M, Jean P, Sally P, Sarah R, John G, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H

THE DEPARTED

Phyllida Previte, Helen Shipley, Colin Andrews, Chris, Vivian Warrington, Christopher, Barbara Adamson, Patricia James

YEAR'S MIND

Nicholas Roskill, Kevin Hunley, Anthony Francis Emanuel Liddie, Elizabeth Atkinson, Ronald Brownrigg, Rosemary Nutt

CLERGY AWAY

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor (Trinity Methodist / URC, Sutton)

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer (St Michael & All Angels, Roundshaw)

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor (Christchurch, Clapham)

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark (St Mary, Merton)

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SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

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

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

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

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

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

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