

# SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

## EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE  
CANDLEMAS

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026  
9.00AM

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## WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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*Please stand as the President, Canon Wendy Robins Chancellor, enters.*

## **THE GATHERING**

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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.*

*Then, the President introduces the celebration.*

Dear friends in Christ: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. But first, let us bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

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**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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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

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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

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Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All      **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

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### Malachi 3.1-5

**Read by the Duty Verger**

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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### Psalm 24.1-6

*The response is:*

**Lift up your heads, O gates.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.  
For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
or who can rise up his holy place?'  
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie. **R**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'  
Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

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### Hebrews 2.14-end

Read by **Sharon Yeoh**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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### Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All      Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

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**Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor**

## THE CREED

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*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

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In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please be seated or kneel.*

*The prayers are led by Nigel Paine*

*These responses may be used:*

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

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*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

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In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All      The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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

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Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the offering of your Church  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

All      **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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 and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the Temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.  
Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

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

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All**  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph,  
Simeon, Anna, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

*Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.*

All	<b>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.</b>	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 باپ
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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All	<b>God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.</b>
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## AGNUS DEI

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All	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</b>
	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</b>
	<b>Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</b>

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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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

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*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory,  
Amen.**

## THE NOTICES

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*Please be seated.*

## THE FINAL RESPONSORY & DISMISSAL

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Father, here we bring to an end our celebration  
of the Saviour's birth.

**All Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All Help us, who have received the bread of life,  
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**All Help us, who bear these candles,  
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**All Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**All Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.**  
Thanks be to God.  
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

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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.

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### SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY • THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
9.30am	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer
6.00pm	<b>Compline†</b>

### MONDAY 2 – FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

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

### SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
4.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
5.30pm	<b>Choral Eucharist: Truth-telling in Sacred Spaces</b>

### SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY • THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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

## A SAFE CHURCH

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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](mailto:neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org)

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

## CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

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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

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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](mailto: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 FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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## PILGRIMAGE TO WINCHESTER

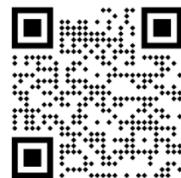
We are now on a winter break from the monthly pilgrimage. We'll be starting again in March from Four Marks on the last few stages of our pilgrimage to Winchester.

## 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](mailto: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

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**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

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Last week, the Dean sat down to record a podcast with Jo Berry CBE who spoke at a Community of the Cross of Nails event in the autumn. In the episode, Jo reflects on how personal tragedy led her to a lifelong commitment to peace, reconciliation, and bridge-building—offering a moving reminder of the power of empathy and dialogue. We encourage you to listen to it wherever you access your podcasts.

<https://southwarkcathedralpodcast.podbean.com/>

## ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

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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.

If you would prefer to give a financial donation there will be a contactless point for Robes at coffee, next to the Robes banner.

## **GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL**

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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.

## **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S**

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### **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 UPDATE**

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After listening to feedback we will be welcoming dogs to the Cathedral except during worship beginning on Monday 2 February. 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 revised policy. Do please contact Michael if you have any questions. Assistance dogs will continue to be welcome at all times, including services.

## **CONFIRMATION GROUP**

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?**

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Our Adult Baptism and Confirmation Group will begin on Sunday 22 February at 4.15pm, followed by six further sessions on Sundays. Baptism and Confirmation will take place during the Easter Vigil on the evening of Saturday 4 April. Please contact Canon Michael Rawson to register your interest

[michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## **SILENT GROUP**

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The Silent Prayer Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## TRIANGLE OF UNITY GLOBES

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You will have noticed several globe sculptures in and around the Cathedral recently. 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.

## HELEN SHIPLEY'S FUNERAL

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### THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 2.00PM

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. Helen's Funeral Service will be at the Cathedral on Thursday 12 February at 2.00pm.

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

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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](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## TRUTH-TELLING IN SACRED SPACES

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### SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 5.30PM CHORAL EUCHARIST

The Diocese of Southwark has commissioned a new mass setting composed by Errollyn Wallen CBE, the first black woman to be appointed as Master of the King's Music, to be performed at Southwark Cathedral. The musical composition will be presented by the Choir of [Croydon Minster](#) during a world premiere and special Choral Eucharist to be held at **5.30pm** as part of the 'Truth-telling' event. This commissioning is a profound expression of the Diocese's ongoing commitment to anti-racism as part of our Christian witness.

There are workshops all day which can be attended as well. Find out more at <https://buytickets.at/dioceseeofsouthwark/1907951>

## **ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

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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 on Sunday 8 March at 11.00am.

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](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## **YOUNG ADULTS CONNECTED**

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### **2 FEBRUARY, 6.20-8.00PM**

The Young Adults group meets next on Monday, 2 February from 6.20pm (after Evensong) until 8.00pm. Please join us in the Tutu Room for conversation over drinks and nibbles. The next meetings are 2 March, and 4 May (we will not meet on Easter Monday). Questions contact [Shannon.preston@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:Shannon.preston@southwark.anglican.org)

## **BEYOND THE THRESHOLD: A GLIMPSE INTO THE SACRED**

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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.'

## **INTERCESSIONS WORKSHOP: WHAT, WHY & HOW**

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### **SATURDAY 7 MARCH, 10.00AM-12.00PM**

Whether you're already a member of our intercessions team, have thought about joining them or are simply interested to learn more of this important ministry, do join Canon Kathryn for this workshop.

The workshop will remind us of key principles in leading this element of our worship, suggest some pitfalls to avoid and give you space to explore some possibilities too. Book your place by emailing [kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org)

## **LEARNING THROUGH STORY: LENT SESSIONS**

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Story is such an important part of how we learn in all spheres of life and so during Lent this year we will be offering four sessions on how we learn through story.

We would like to look at stories in the Bible and think about how we read and learn from them. We would like the congregation to choose the stories that we consider! So, please can you email Canon Wendy Robins on [wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org) and let her know your favourite Bible Stories from the Old and New Testaments. It would be good to have these as soon as possible, please, but at the latest by Sunday 15 February. Thank you. We will spend time thinking about those stories that get the most mentions.

We hope that this will be an interesting and enjoyable contribution to our celebration of the National Year of Reading and our focus on Literacy this year.

The sessions will take place between the 9.00 & 11.00am services at 9.45am on Sundays 1, 8, 15 and 22 March. Do put these dates in your diary and come and join us.

## **FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITALS**

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### **MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY**

Monday 2 February | Stefan Donner (Vienna)

Monday 9 February | Sebastian Johansson (Sweden)

Monday 16 February | Ben Collyer (Manchester Cathedral)

Monday 23 February | Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)

Monday 2 March | Joshua Hales (London)

Monday 9 March | Victoria Ulriksen (Norway)

Monday 16 March | Benjamin Chewter (London)

Monday 23 March | Students from English Martyrs' Catholic School, Leicester

## ◆ **PRAYER LIST** ◆

### **THE SICK**

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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 S, Mia H, Ali W, Thomas, Dinah K, Shireen, Pam M, Jean P, Sally P, Sarah R, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H

### **THE DEPARTED**

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Jenny B, Helen Shipley, Barbara Adamson, Patricia James, John Greensted

### **CLERGY AWAY**

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The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark (St Faith, Dulwich)



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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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