

# SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**EUCHARIST**

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SUNDAY 8 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, The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, 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 and introduces the celebration.*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

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

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## 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 God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
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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**Genesis 1.1-2.3a**

**Read by the Duty Verger**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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### Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who alone does great wonders,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who by wisdom made the heavens,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who laid out the earth upon the waters,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who made the great lights,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

The sun to rule the day,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

The moon and the stars to govern the night,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who remembered us when we were in trouble,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And delivered us from our enemies,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who gives food to all creatures,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

## THE SECOND READING

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**Romans 8.18-25**

*Read by Sue Reardon Smith*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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**Matthew 6.25-end**

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

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

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

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**The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark**

## 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 **Jessica Kingsley***

*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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We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

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## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

**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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

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

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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

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As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

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

<b>All</b>	<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.</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 بابا
	<b>Amen.</b>	

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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

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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

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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.*

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set  
at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

## THE NOTICES

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*Please be seated.*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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*Please stand.*

The Lord be with you

**All      and also with you.**

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
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

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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 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> <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
6.00pm	<b>Compline†</b>

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### MONDAY 9 – FRIDAY 13 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>

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### SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

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### SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY • THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>The Rev'd Shannon Preston, Succentor</i>
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.



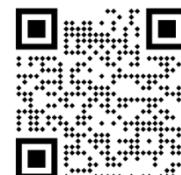
**Tickets: £10.50 available via QR code or contact the office.**

## 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.

## **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/>

## **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.

## **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)

## **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 in the Library. Do put these dates in your diary and come and join us.

## **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)

## **PRACTICAL HELP NEEDED FOR OUR LIVESTREAMS**

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Are you good with practical things? The streaming team is looking for extra help before and after services on Sundays. Until a permanent technical setup is in place, we need assistance with setting up and taking down cameras and running cables before and after each service. The work involves some lifting and carrying. You won't be expected to operate the livestream itself, and no technical experience is required.

Choral Eucharist (every Sunday) 9.30am to 10.50am and 12.30pm to 1.00pm

The commitment is flexible. We'd welcome help even if you can only manage once or twice a month. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Tony Piper or Maggie Still

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2026

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**The theme for this year's Racial Justice Sunday is: 'Love Your Neighbour'**

In these [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland resources](#) we explore what it really means to love our neighbour, especially given the current narratives of hostility, fear, suspicion and hatred of the 'other.'

The Bible provides a blueprint for a world where everyone belongs; where everyone is loved, valued and affirmed for who they are, and not what they look like or have to offer. A world in which our identity is ultimately to be found in Christ, as brothers and sisters of one 'race': the human race.

## FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITALS

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**MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY**

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

## KENNETH WILLIAMS!

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This being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the actor and comedian Kenneth Williams, the Dean leads five Daily Services on BBC Radio 4 this week in which he reflects on Williams, who he knew, and on recordings of several Gospel stories Williams made and which have only recently been heard:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002r3m0>

On Thursday the Dean will talk with Gyles Brandreth in the Library about Kenneth Williams' Christian faith. Tickets are sold out for this event.

## **VISIT OF BISHOP OSIWARD FROM OUR LINK DIOCESE**

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We are delighted that we have been able to re-arrange the visit of Bishop Osiward and his wife, Jane. They will be arriving on Friday 10 April and will be with us until the middle of the following week. The Masvingo Link group is arranging a programme for them and would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us with this, helping to escort them on visits etc. Please do be in touch with Canon Wendy if you would like to be involved. We would also very much like to add some new members to the Link Group, so once again have a word with Canon Wendy or email her:

[wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org)

The Link Group meets two or three times a year to keep in touch with Bishop Osiward and the Link Group in Masvingo. Through these meetings we can find out more about the situation in Zimbabwe and how we can best help. We very much hope that there are some in the congregation who would like to become more involved.

## **◆ 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, John Greensted, Patricia James, Theresa Francis

### **YEAR'S MIND**

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Irene Lewis, Hilary Hulme, Gordon Antingham, Edmund Gavin, Gerald Hudson, Michael Oyo, Patrick Rosheuvel, Tom Smail, Edward Noon

### **CLERGY AWAY**

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Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer (St Mary, Newington)

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (St Mary, Putney)



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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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