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**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

WITH BAPTISM

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026

11.00AM

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## THE CHURCH'S BAPTISMAL COMMISSION

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Today, at this Choral Eucharist, we are delighted to welcome the family and friends of Nsoromma Bonsu, who has come to baptism. We come to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for us and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We pray that in Jesus Christ she will know the forgiveness of their sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As she matures in faith and discipleship, she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support her by prayer, example and teaching. Therefore let us pray today for Nsoromma as she continues on her journey of Christian faith.

Faithful and loving God,  
bless Nsoromma,  
and grant her your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon her your healing and reconciling love  
and protect her home from all evil.  
Fill her with the light of your presence  
and establish her in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

## **WITH BAPTISM**

### **PRESIDENT**

**Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor**



### **DEACON**

**Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor**



### **SUBDEACON & PREACHER**

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



### **CHOIR & MUSICIANS**

**The Cathedral Choir**  
**Helen Smee, Director of Music**  
**Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist**



### **SETTING**

**Missa brevis in D, KV 194**  
**W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)**



### **MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

**Scherzetto & Prière du Matin**  
**Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)**

Please stand as the Procession enters.

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

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NEH 466



Thou whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to humankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light.

### TUNE: MOSCOW

Adapted from a tune by F. Giardini (1716-1796)  
in Madan's *Collection* 1769

### TEXT:

John Marriott (1780-1825)

## 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.*

*Members of Junior Xpress come forward for a blessing before departing for their worship and activities.*

## 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.**

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

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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

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

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

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

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

For you alone are Holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE COLLECT

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*Please stand.*

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* **Lorna Holder**

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 SECOND READING

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**Romans 8.18-25**

*Read by Sr Joyce, CSF*

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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**Matthew 6.25-end**

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

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

*Please be seated after the opening prayer.*

## THE SERMON

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

# THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

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*Please stand. The President stands at the Font with Nsoromma, her parents and godparents.*

## THE PRESENTATION

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*The President addresses the whole congregation.*

We thank God for Nsoromma, who has come to be baptised today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support her on her journey of faith?

**All      We will.**

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

**All      We will.**

## THE DECISION

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*The President addresses Nsoromma's parents and godparents.*

We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

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*The President anoints Nsoromma with the Oil of Baptism, making the sign of the cross on her forehead, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*Then the President says:*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All      Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
             against sin, the world and the devil,  
             and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**All      Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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*The President pours water into the Font and says:*

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptised in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptised in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children.  
safe in Christ for ever.

**All      Amen.**

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

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*The President addresses the whole congregation.*

Let us affirm,  
together with Nsoromma,  
who is being baptised,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BAPTISM

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*The President baptises Nsoromma, saying:*

Nsoromma, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*Then, the President anoints Nsoromma with the Oil of Chrism and says:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**All Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

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There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Nsoromma, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All      We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

## 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 Elizabeth James*

*The response is:*

Your name be hallowed.

**All      Your kingdom come.**

*And at the end:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

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## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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NEH 398 (t. 395)



'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;  
Here at thy feet none other may we see:  
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,  
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,  
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,  
The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,  
O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts to-day!

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,  
The deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,  
The halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,  
O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:  
Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:  
Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,  
Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,  
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,  
Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,  
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

**TUNE: WOODLANDS**

Walter Groatorex (1877-1949)

**TEXT:**

Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)

## 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  
**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.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*The Choir sings:*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The President continues:*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the blessed Virgin Mary  
and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
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

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

## 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. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Receiving Communion in one kind is still receiving Communion in full. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.*

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

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

*During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:*

## AGNUS DEI

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

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

*Followed by:*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

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### **Ave verum corpus • William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)**

Ave verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine:  
Vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu fili Mariae,  
miserere nobis.

Hail, true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
Having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for humankind:  
From whose perforated side flowed  
water and blood:  
Be for us a heavenly foretaste  
in the hour of our death.  
O sweet one, O holy one,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on us.

## 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

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*Please stand.*

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

## THE FINAL HYMN

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**NEH 440**



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

**TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN**

from a 17<sup>th</sup>-century collection

**TEXT:**

German, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) et al.

## THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

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*The President gives Nsoromma a lighted candle.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
Nsoromma, you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

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**Moto ostinato from Musica Dominicalis • Petr Eben (1929-2007)**

*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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<https://www.youtube.com/@southwarkcathedral2224/streams>

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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> <b>with the 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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**Russell Silverwood** [russell.silverwood@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:russell.silverwood@southwark.anglican.org)

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.

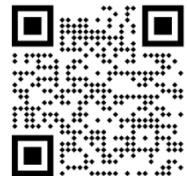


**Tickets: £10.50 available via QR code or contact the office.**

## 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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