

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

11.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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The instructions in this booklet are not prescriptive. Please sit if that is more appropriate for you.

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During the service, a collection will be taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of the Cathedral.

Cash donations may be placed in the baskets brought around by the stewards.

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CHORAL EUCHARIST

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Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor



DEACON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer



CHOIR

St John's Singers



SETTING

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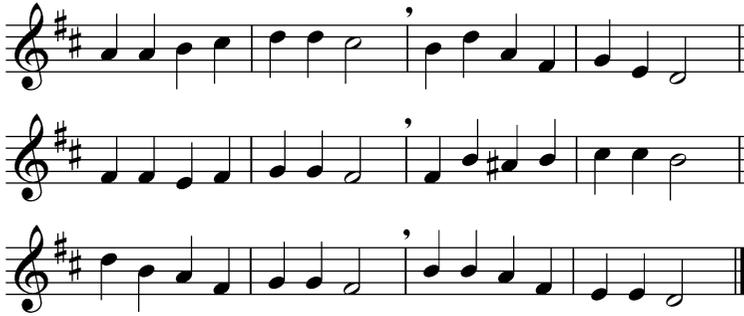
MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

**Prelude and Fugue in G, Op. 37, No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)**

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 234ii



Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

TUNE: RATISBON

Melody from J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*
Leipzig 1815
Harmony by W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE GATHERING

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

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

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

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

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24.12-end

Read by **Tony Kamninga**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

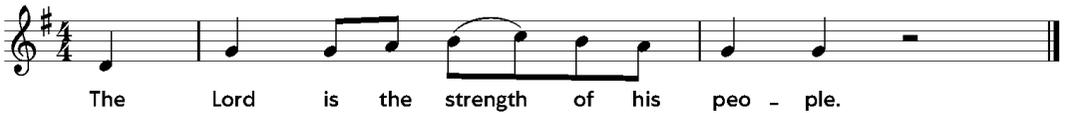
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 2

The response is:



Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
'Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us.' **R**

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
'Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.' **R**

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
He said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' **R**

Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they
who take refuge in him. **R**

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1.16-end

Read by **Alison Walker**

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17.1-9

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer

THE CREED

Please stand.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Please be seated or kneel.

*The prayers are led by **Leslie Black***

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

(or)

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

And at the end:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

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THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 377



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

TUNE: ST DENIO

Adapted from a Welsh song set to a
hymn in John Roberts' *Caniadau y*
Cyssegre 1839

TEXT:

W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All 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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

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Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

God so loved the world *from The Crucifixion • John Stainer (1840-1901)*

God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3.16-17

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN

NEH 364 (t. NEH 185)



God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though With blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

TEXT:

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata • Gaston Bélier (1863-1938)

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Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you
have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to
welcoming you back.

◆ NOTICES ◆

WORSHIP

Services marked with an * are livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@southwarkcathedral2224/streams>

Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY • THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 16 — FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer with the Litany of Reconciliation (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (Wednesday only)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri) or Choral Eucharist (Wed)

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY • THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
6.00pm	Compline & Benediction*

A SAFE CHURCH

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, is Chapter Lead for Safeguarding. Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer (CSO) or Representatives (CSRs) in the first instance:

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

Would you like to talk to someone confidentially? Is something/one on your heart? The Cathedral Listening team are volunteers, who sit in the Retrochoir behind the High Altar after the Choral Eucharist on a Sunday, ready to listen to anyone who would like to talk in confidence. They are available from after the service until 1.00pm. If you would like to talk to a Cathedral Listener, please approach them directly or sit nearby if they are already occupied.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children and young people are an important part of our Cathedral family and play a vital role in our life together. We would love to encourage your children to join one of our Sunday groups for young people.

CRÈCHE

During the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist, crèche facilities are available in the Chapter Room for accompanied children under 4.

JUNIOR XPRESS

Junior Xpress is for children in Reception to Year 5, gathering each week in term time in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go for worship and activities before rejoining the rest of the congregation for the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. Children are warmly invited to join Junior Xpress, especially if this is their first time. More details can be obtained from the Sub Dean:

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast is provided. We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. The next session is Sunday 1 March.

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

PILGRIMAGE TO WINCHESTER

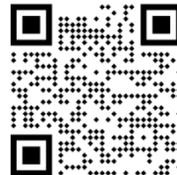
We are now on a winter break from the monthly pilgrimage. We'll be starting again in March from Four Marks on the last few stages of our pilgrimage to Winchester.

LENT VISIT TO ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

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

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



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

BECOME A FRIEND

Still thinking of joining us? We'd love to welcome you. The Friends play a vital part in contributing to the future of the Cathedral and its missions. Membership costs from £25 a year. [Join the Friends today!](#)

CONTACT FRIENDS' OFFICE

You can email the Friends: kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org, call 020 7367 3724 or post to:

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SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

SHROVE TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As a season of spiritual spring-cleaning, Lent is a great time to reflect on those parts of ourselves or our lives where we find brokenness, or destructive patterns of thought and behaviour, and to turn to God for healing and forgiveness. Many have found the Sacrament of Reconciliation a liberation and a joy, as it enables us to acknowledge and name our sins and to receive absolution, pronounced specifically in our own name. To lay down burdens that we have carried for years, to wipe the slate clean and begin afresh, is a transformational gift. There will be a priest available in the Harvard Chapel to hear confessions on **Shrove Tuesday, 17 February from 4.30 until 5.15pm** and **again on the Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week**, or do contact any of the Cathedral clergy to make an appointment at another time.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty-day season of penitence and preparation leading to Holy Week and Easter. It is a time for prayer, self-examination and attentiveness to God and one another.

At the Ash Wednesday Eucharists, ashes are imposed on the forehead in the sign of the cross with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". This ancient biblical sign calls us to humility, repentance and hope in God's mercy as we journey towards the cross.

All are welcome to join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services:

9.00am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Midday Prayer
12.45pm	Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
5.30pm	Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

In addition, "Ashes to Go" will be available in the Millennium Courtyard at **9.30am, 12.00pm, 1.30pm** and **5.00pm** – an invitation to pause and engage with the day by receiving ashes and a blessing for Lent.

A RETREAT ON THE ISLE OF IONA

7-12 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Dean will be leading a retreat on Iona next September entitled: '**Astonished by Love: with poetry as our guide**'. The retreat is shaped by four human themes - love of creation, love of justice, love of God, and love of love. We will encounter classic poets such as Hafiz, John Donne, George Herbert, WH Auden, Emily Dickinson, RS Thomas, and Seamus Heaney, and be introduced to more contemporary ones such as Raymond Antrobus, Jen Hadfield, Kei Miller, Zaffar Kunial, and Carol Ann Duffy. No prior knowledge of poems or poets is required.

For more information:

<https://www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk/groups-retreats/mark-oakley>

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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

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

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

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?

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

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD: A GLIMPSE INTO THE SACRED

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

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

INTERCESSIONS WORKSHOP: WHAT, WHY & HOW

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

LEARNING THROUGH STORY: LENT SESSIONS

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 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.

'BELIEVING IN POETRY': A LECTURE BY THE DEAN

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026, 4.30PM ARRIVAL FOR A 5.00PM START

You are warmly invited to the 2026 Hopkins Lecture at Whitelands College Chapel on the theme 'Believing in Poetry' which will be given by The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark and Whitelands Professorial Fellow at the University of Roehampton.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to nick.mayhewsmith@roehampton.ac.uk

The lecture will be followed by refreshments.

Whitelands College Chapel
Holybourne Avenue
London
SW15 4JD

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS RECONCILIATION WALK

SATURDAY 28 MARCH, 10.15AM – 1.00PM

The Power of Lament: A Reconciliation Walk led by members of the Community of the Cross of Nails working group will be taking place at and around Southwark Cathedral. Recalling the 12 Habits of Reconcilers event last October, the Reconciliation Walk will explore the habit of Lament in theory and practice more deeply. The walk will start in the John Trevor Williams Room at 10.15am. Bring warm/rain proof clothes for walking around the immediate area. Finishes by 1.00pm back at the John Trevor Williams Room.

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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SILENT PRAYER GROUP

The Silent Prayer Group is meeting in the Garry Weston Library on Sunday 15 February. We gather from 9.45am for a period of silent prayer from 10.00-10.30am. Everyone is welcome. If you would like more information, please see Lizzie James or Linda Ridgers-Waite.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

We would love to get to know you, so please complete a Newcomer form, available from the stewards or contact the Sub Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

PRACTICAL HELP NEEDED FOR OUR LIVESTREAMS

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.

FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

Monday 16 February | Ben Collyer (Manchester Cathedral)

Monday 23 February | Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)

Monday 2 March | Joshua Hales (London)

Monday 9 March | Victoria Ulriksen (Norway)

Monday 16 March | Benjamin Chewter (London)

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

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

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, Rob W, Jamila E, Abdullah E, Oday E, Augustus B, Alice T, Dinah K, Shireen, Pam M, Jean P, Sally P, Sarah R, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H

THE DEPARTED

Jenny B, Helen Shipley, John Greensted, Patricia James, Theresa Francis

YEAR'S MIND

Patrick Rosheuvel, Tom Smail, Edward Noon, Elizabeth Jansen van Vuuren, Mark Ashton, Wilf Ding, Harold Rogers, Helen Newbigin, Michael Frank Cunningham, Vivien Heaton

CLERGY AWAY

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian (St Mary the Virgin, Lewisham)

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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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