

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

11.00AM

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# CHORAL EUCHARIST

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Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



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The Ven Dr Chigor Chike, Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich



## CHOIR & MUSICIANS

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



## SETTING

Missa brevis  
Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)



## MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Ruhig bewegt *from* Organ Sonata N° 2  
Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

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NEH 378



Immortal love for ever full,  
For ever flowing free,  
For ever shared, for ever whole,  
A never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name,  
All other names above;  
Love only knoweth whence it came  
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
To bring the Lord Christ down;  
In vain we search the lowest deeps,  
For him no depths can drown;

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
A present help is he;  
And faith has still its Olivet,  
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress  
Is by our beds of pain;  
We touch him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again.

Alone, O Love ineffable,  
Thy saving name is given;  
To turn aside from thee is hell,  
To walk with thee is heaven.

**TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE (ST PAUL'S)**

Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673-1707)

**TEXT:**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

## 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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*The Choir sings:*

## KYRIE ELEISON

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Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*As the Choir sings the Kyrie, the congregation are sprinkled with holy water as a sign of penitence, recalling Psalm 51:*

*“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”*

## THE ABSOLUTION

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May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

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Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

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### **Genesis 12.1-4a**

*Read by Alison Walker*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE LENT PROSE

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The response is:

Refrain

Hear us, O Lord, \* have mer - cy up - on us:  
for we have sinn - ed a - gainst thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. **R**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. **R**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us,  
Redeemer, loving absolution. **R**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,  
we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

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### **Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

Read by **Rosemary Nelson**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God;  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## THE GOSPEL

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### John 3.1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

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The Ven Dr Chigor Chike, Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich

# 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 **Sandra Elsom***

*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

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*Please stand.*

### THE PEACE

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Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his 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.*

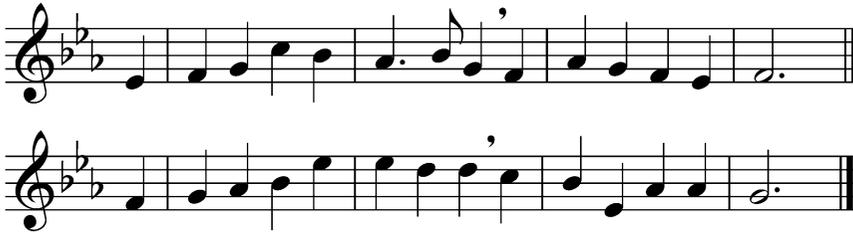
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# THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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NEH 73



My God, I love thee; not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love thee not  
Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me  
Upon the Cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace,

And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
E'en death itself; and all for one  
That was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,  
Should I not love thee well,  
Not for the hope of winning heaven,  
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as thyself hast lovèd me,  
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love,  
And in thy praise will sing,  
Solely because thou art my God,  
And my eternal King.

**TUNE: ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

John Stainer (1840-1901)

**TEXT:**

17<sup>th</sup> century Latin  
tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The Choir sings:*

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

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All** **Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

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As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

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

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Baba wa...  
Notre Père...  
天におられる私たちの父よ...  
Nna anyi...  
Fader vår...  
Pai nosso...  
हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता...  
Padre nuestro...  
我們在天上的父...  
Отче наш...  
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...  
Πάτερ ἡμῶν...  
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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## 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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**Surely thou hast tasted that the Lord is good • Bernard Rose (1916-1996)**

Surely thou hast tasted that the Lord is good.  
So come to him, our living stone—the stone rejected by men  
but choice and precious in the sight of God.  
Come, and let yourselves be built,  
as living stones, into a spiritual temple;  
become a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,  
through Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 2.2-5**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

## THE NOTICES

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*Please be seated.*

## THE BLESSING

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*Please stand.*

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  
and follow him;  
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 368



Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

**TUNE: CWM RHONDDA**  
John Hughes (1873-1932)

**TEXT:**  
Welsh, William Williams (1717-1791)  
tr. Peter Williams (1727-1796)

## THE DISMISSAL

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## VOLUNTARY

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**Lebhaft from Organ Sonata N° 2 • Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)**

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## ◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

### THE SICK

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Christopher KD, Dee Dee HS, Abi O, Franki G, Sue, 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, Robert 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, Sarah M, Joan, Tricia L, Andrew C, Dinah K, Shireen, Pam M, Jean P, Sally P, Sarah R, Roxanne W, Elizabeth H

### THE DEPARTED

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Richard Phillips, Ivy Hammond, Shaun Overy-Brewer, Stephen Wilmahurst, Robert Peters

### YEAR'S MIND

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Peggy Brown, Peter Frances Dee, Gregg Geist, Adrian David Birtles

### CLERGY AWAY

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The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark  
Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

(Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Rome)

## ◆ NOTICES ◆

### WORSHIP

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Preachers are indicated in italics.

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#### SUNDAY 1 MARCH • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>The Ven Dr Chigor Chike, Archdeacon of Lewisham &amp; Greenwich</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford</i>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>The Ven Dr Chigor Chike, Archdeacon of Lewisham &amp; Greenwich</i>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>The Rev'd Canon Deacon Frances Hiller, Honorary Minor Canon</i>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Compline*</b>

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#### MONDAY 2 – FRIDAY 6 MARCH

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> (Tuesday only)
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Midday Prayer</b> <b>with the Litany of Reconciliation</b> (Friday only)
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b> (Mon, Tue, Fri) or <b>Evening Prayer</b> (Wed, Thu)

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#### SATURDAY 7 MARCH

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

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#### SUNDAY 8 MARCH • THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
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<b>6.00pm</b>	<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)

**CSRs** Cherry James [cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:cherry.james@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 next session is Sunday 1 March.

## 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.

### 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**

## 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)

## 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>

## ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

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

## 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.

## SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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We encourage you to listen to it wherever you access your podcasts.

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

## 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/>

## YOUNG ADULTS CONNECTED GROUP

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**MONDAY 2 MARCH, 6.15PM-8.00PM**

The next Young Adults group will meet on Monday, 2 March at 6.15pm. We will meet off-site this month for dinner and discussion. If you would like to attend please contact Bill Edmonds for more details.

The next meeting date after March for your diary is: Monday 13 April 6.20-8.00pm at the Cathedral.

## 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 and 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.

The first session will be on the story of the Road to Emmaus.

## **'BELIEVING IN POETRY': A LECTURE BY THE DEAN**

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**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](mailto: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**

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**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.

## **SILENT PRAYER GROUP**

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The Silent Prayer Group is meeting next on Sunday . 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.

## FAREWELL FOR NOW

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Shannon has now begun her maternity leave. She goes with our love and our prayers for a smooth and happy delivery, and we look forward to meeting the new arrival and welcoming Shannon back to the cathedral later in the year.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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We will be renewing the prayer list for the sick and a new list will begin on Sunday 8 March. If you would like a person to be prayed for please contact [michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org) by Wednesday 4 March. Names normally remain for four weeks.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

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**FRIDAY 6 MARCH, 4.00PM, LAMBETH WALK METHODIST CHURCH, SE11 6DU**

Organised by Southbank Churches, a service to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. Refreshments following the service. All are welcome.

## THE BISHOP'S LENT CALL 2026

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Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2026 is raising funds for projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish.

We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.

You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate [here](#). As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects we have chosen this year.

## FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITALS

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**MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY**

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

# TOGETHER ALLIANCE MARCH

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**SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026, 12.00-9.00PM**

Together are an alliance of trade unionists and environmentalists, community activists and faith leaders, musicians, athletes, entertainers and elected representative whose members represent over 7 million people.

On 28 March the Together Alliance is holding a march in London.

We're marching for unity against division and are mobilising and organising across the country to bring a message of hope over fear.

Join the march on 28 March - [plan your journey or find available coaches locally](#)

Join us and help us build an alliance for hope and unity. If you'd like to march as part of the Cathedral group, please contact Canon Kathryn:

[kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org)

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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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