

SOUTHWARK

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CHORAL EUCHARIST

MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026

11.00AM



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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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THE CHURCH'S BAPTISMAL COMMISSION

Today, at this Choral Eucharist, we are delighted to welcome the family and friends of Theodore, who have 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 Theodore will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As those who are baptised mature in faith and discipleship, they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. Therefore let us pray today for Theodore as he continues on his journey of Christian faith.

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

CHORAL EUCHARIST

PRESIDENT

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer



DEACON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



CHOIR & MUSICIANS

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



SETTING

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MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Ave Maria *from* Cathedral Windows
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 385



I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

TUNE: ST BOTOLPH

Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

TEXT:

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

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

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

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

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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 2.1-10

Read by Lorna Holder

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE LENT PROSE

The response is:

Refrain (Cantor 1st time)

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

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Read by **Gill Reynolds**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessèd be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

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

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

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2.33-35

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Please stand. The Minister gathers at the Font with Theodore and his family, godparents and supporters.

THE PRESENTATION

The Minister addresses the whole congregation.

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

So I ask you all:

Will you support him on his journey of faith?

All **We will.**

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

All **We will.**

THE DECISION

The Minister addresses Theodore'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

The Minister anoints Theodore with the Oil of Baptism, making the sign of the cross on his forehead, saying:

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

Then the Minister 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

The Minister 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

The Minister addresses the whole congregation.

Let us affirm,
together with Theodore,
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

The Minister baptises Theodore, saying:

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

All Amen.

Then, the Minister anoints Theodore 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

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Theodore, 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.**

Theodore is welcomed with applause. Then, all return to their places.

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 **Elizabeth James**

These responses are used:

Your name be hallowed.

All **Your kingdom come.**

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 EUCHARIST

Please stand.

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

All By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All We are bound by the love of Christ.

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 185



Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

TEXT:

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessèd be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
- All We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

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.
Amen.

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

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... اے ہمارے باپ
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

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

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 sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you • John Rutter (b. 1945)

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.
Amen.

Numbers 6.24-26

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE GIVING OF FLOWERS

The President introduces the giving of the flowers.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Loving God,
who gathers her children as a hen gathers her chicks;
we thank you for all mothers and for all who give life and love to others,
for their care and patience in childhood's earliest days,
for the prayers they offer, the counsel they give,
and the example they set.

We pray that like them we too may be gentle and loving,
guiding and caring with those around us.
As you have blessed us in creation with the beauty of these flowers
so we ask that you would bless those who will receive them
as a sign of our love and a symbol of our thanks.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All Amen.

All are invited to come forward to receive flowers.

During the distribution, the Choir sings:

THE ANTHEM

I got me flowers *from* **Five Mystical Songs**
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, & the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

from **Easter • George Herbert (1593-1633)**

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the 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.

Please turn to face the Font at the West End as the Cross passes.

THE FINAL HYMN

NEH 188ii



Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessèd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessèd far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb.

Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.

TUNE: DAILY, DAILY

Melody 'from a French Paroissien'
Composer unidentified

TEXT:

V. Stuckey S. Coles (1845-1929)

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The Minister presents a lighted candle to Theodore, then says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Theodore, 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

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D • Henry Smart (1813-1879)

*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

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 MARCH • THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 16 — FRIDAY 20 MARCH

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

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 22 MARCH • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, PASSION SUNDAY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
6.00pm	The Way of the Cross* <i>A prayerful journey through the Stations of the Cross with readings and music by the Merbecke Choir</i>

INEQE SURVEY: A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As you may be aware INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process, they hope to engage with those who work, visit, attend services or worship at the Cathedral through an online survey. This will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (INEQE are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified).

I would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England or ourselves here at the Cathedral

I personally want to thank you for your time and support for everything you do for the cathedral and I'm sure you feel as I do, that we want Southwark Cathedral to be as safe, inclusive and as enjoyable a place for worship, to visit and to work in, as possible. We can only do this by listening to your feedback, not just from surveys such as this but by safe and open conversations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Oakley', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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

More information on completing the INEQE survey is overleaf.

A GUIDE TO THE INEQE SURVEY

With the audit almost upon us, we want to invite you to complete the required survey(s) and have included some helpful guidance below.

INEQE SURVEYS – SOME PRACTICALITIES

The link / QR Code are below and as you will see, there are several surveys you can complete.



<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/southwark/>

We would strongly encourage you to fill out the one labelled 'Cathedral Worshipping Community' as it's important that you all have a voice to say how you feel Cathedral safeguarding and wellbeing is going from your own perspective. However, you may also be member of the of one of the other groups listed there, (which you may not wish to publicly share with anyone else), so please feel free to complete these also. As they are anonymised, no one else in the Cathedral will know unless you tell them.

You may find some of the questions are a little generic or confusing, as INEQE assumes all Cathedrals work the same way, so please do ask one of our trusted Safeguarding Reps (Jill Tilley, Cherry James or Russell Silverwood) if you have any questions, cannot easily get online or need other help completing it

If you have never had the need to raise a safeguarding concern or the questions are not relevant to you personally, you can tick the N/A (Not Applicable) box.

Also on the surveys page you will see a link to contact the INEQE Audit Safeguarding Team directly – this could be because you want to raise something that doesn't get asked in the survey – again this is fully confidential and your details will not be fed back to us here in the Cathedral, unless you give permission for INEQE to do so. However, I also hope that you would feel comfortable to come and talk to me, Kathryn, or anyone else on the Senior Leadership Team if you have any concerns.

We have until **Wednesday 8 April** to complete these surveys, but we appreciate, with Easter coming up, everyone is very busy at the moment – so you may find it easier to get it sorted now, so it's done.

Neil Morter

Cathedral Safeguarding Officer

neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org

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:

CSO Neil Morter neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org

CSRs Cherry James cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org

Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org

Russell Silverwood russell.silverwood@southwark.anglican.org

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 22 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.

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:

The Friends of Southwark Cathedral
Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge
London, SE1 9DA

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

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>

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

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

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

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

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

LEARNING THROUGH STORY: LENT SESSIONS

On Sunday 15 March we will be looking at the Book of Ruth. It is only four Chapters long so you might like to read that. Finally, on Sunday 22 March we will think about Peter trying to walk on water (Mark 14.22-33) and Peter's denial of Christ (Luke 22.54-62).

You do not have to have read the story to be part of the group as the text will be provided, or a recap of the story and it's fine if you can't make all the sessions but do come along if you can, it will be good to explore these stories together.

DAPPLED BEAUTY

MONDAY 16 MARCH, 7.00PM (FREE)

Join us in the Library tomorrow to hear Carys Walsh introduce the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, following the publication of her book 'Dappled Beauty: Through Lent with Gerard Manley Hopkins'. After an introduction by Carys, the Dean will have a conversation with her about Hopkins and why his poetry expresses and speaks to our faith with such startling imagery and form. Drawing on themes of beauty, suffering, renewal and hope, this conversation invites deeper engagement with faith and imagination as we journey towards Easter.

FORTHCOMING ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

Monday 16 March | Benjamin Chewter (London)

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

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.

THE BISHOP'S LENT CALL 2026

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.

TOGETHER ALLIANCE MARCH

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

CONSULTATION ON THE NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK



The Diocese of Southwark has launched a consultation to gather views on what the next Bishop of Southwark should be like and what their priorities should be.

Bishop Christopher announced his retirement in late 2025 and is due to leave the diocese in August this year. This has triggered what's known as the 'Vacancy-in-See' process, the formal period when the diocese and the national Church work together to discern and appoint the next diocesan bishop.

A key part of this process is a public consultation to gather the views of people from congregations and communities across south London and east Surrey.

"We want to ensure that we hear the views of as many people from as diverse backgrounds and perspectives as possible," said the Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon and Chair of the Vacancy-in-See Committee. "We especially want to hear from people who feel their voices don't get heard very often. If that's you, please do fill out the survey – if it's someone you know, please help and encourage and support them to do so." You can scan the QR code above for more information.

FLOWERS AND VESTMENTS EXHIBITION IN MAY

We are planning an exhibition of some of the exquisite vestments and embroidery we have in the Cathedral collection, celebrating our Cathedral Broderers and complemented by beautiful flower arrangements by our own Cathedral Flower Guild. Each arrangement will cost £45 and we would love to hear from you if you would like to sponsor one in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a significant occasion. Please contact michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org if you are interested.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, 4.30-5.15PM

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to those who wish to make their confession on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week in the Harvard Chapel between 4.30-5.15pm. You can also book outside of these times – please contact Canon Kathryn for more information: kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org

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/>

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Dee Dee, HS, Franki G, Caroline C, Gurjit, Santou BC, Anna S, Justine M, Mia H, Sarah M, Andy B, John O, Joan M, Augustus B, T Bendy, Andrew C, Jean P, Pam M, Shireen, Dinah K, Sarah R, Sally P

THE DEPARTED

Hugo Saavedra, Bertie Rice, Ivy Hammond, Stephen Wilmahurst, Sonja Mills, John Pearson, Robert Peters, Andrew Watson, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Heather Wallace

YEAR'S MIND

Anthony Bowles, Russell Dexter, Sam Hiller, Jeremy Orme, Alison Newbiggin, Allwyn Tomkins, Lynnette Teasell, Maida Crowe, Charles Buster, Mary Gertrude Hoblyn, Ben Ackland

CLERGY AWAY

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor (The Swedish Church in London)

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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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