

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

11.00AM

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A MEMBER OF THE



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CHORAL EUCHARIST

PRESIDENT

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



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Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



CHOIR & MUSICIANS

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



SETTING

Communion Service in F
Harold Darke (1888-1976)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Filii et filiae *from* Twelve Choral Preludes
Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 107



Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluya!

TUNE: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT)

Melody from Vulpius' *Gesangbuch* Jena 1609

TEXT:

Cyril Alington (1872-1955), altd.

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from all your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated when the President sits.

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.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
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

Acts 7.55-end

Read by Jennifer Jones

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31.1-5

The response is:



In you, O Lord, have I put my trust.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net
that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2.2-10

Read by **Michael Butscher**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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!

“I go to prepare a place for you”, says the Lord,
“And I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.”

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 14.1-14

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor

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 **Dandison Allen-Thomas***

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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 485



Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our forebears owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade folk rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, souls restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.



And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by earth and heaven,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be our anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

TUNE: THORNBURY

Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

TEXT:

Edward Plumptre (1821-1891), altd.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and Shepherd
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Christ, our paschal sacrifice,
has made us children of the light,
rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven
to receive his faithful people.
His death is our ransom from death,
his resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection fills the whole world
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

The Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour has 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... Отец 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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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

The Call from Five Mystical Songs • Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

All **Eternal God,**
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your 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 361



Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
the world of time to consecrate,
the world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the church; Christ bids us show
that in his church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to humankind.

TUNE: DEO GRACIAS

English 15th-century melody
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

TEXT:

James Quinn (1919-2010)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

Allegro giocoso from **Sonata in E flat • Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)**

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 3 MAY • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Dr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Installation of Honorary Canons <i>The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 4 MAY

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

TUESDAY 5 — FRIDAY 8 MAY

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

SATURDAY 9 MAY

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

SUNDAY 10 MAY • THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist in the Nave <i>Pete Moorey, Christian Aid</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Pete Moorey, Christian Aid</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

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. Please speak to the Sub Dean for more information: michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

The Spring edition of the Friends newsletter is now available on the Cathedral website.

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF THE HOME, WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, 10.30AM

Join the Friends for a special visit to the Museum of the Home in Hoxton, just north of the City of London. Information is in our newsletter which you'll find on the Cathedral website and tickets: £22 available via Eventbrite.

https://Friends_museum_of_the_home.eventbrite.co.uk

WINE TASTING, FRIDAY 5 JUNE

Do you know your prosecco from your cava? And what on earth should you be looking for when buying a bottle of Champagne? Why not come and find out the answer to these, and all your fizz-related questions at this fun, informal wine tasting event?

Sample at least 6 wines, all with a bit of sparkle and learn some interesting facts on the way, which will leave you more confident to talk about that most special of wines - sparkling! After the highly popular wine tasting last year, we are pleased to welcome back Erica from Taste of the Vine to guide our evening

Tickets £29.50 each or a table of 6 £165

Tickets available via Ticket Tailor.

<https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofsouthwarkcathedral/2094415>

SAVE THE DATE, CÈILIDH IN THE CATHEDRAL, FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

After the success of last year we will be holding our Ceilidh again this year. Tickets will go on sale in the summer but please keep the date and share with your friends.

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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A RETREAT ON THE ISLE OF IONA

MONDAY 7 – SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Dean will be leading a retreat on Iona this 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, W. H. Auden, Emily Dickinson, R. S. 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>

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/>

REVISION OF THE CATHEDRAL ELECTORAL ROLL

The Cathedral Electoral Roll (the nearest we have to a membership list) will be revised before the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 17 May. Please look out for the copy of the Electoral Roll at the back of the Cathedral to ensure your details are correct.

If you have been worshipping with us for over six months and would like to join the Electoral Roll please complete the form on the Cathedral website <https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/media/4677/electoral-roll-enrolment-application-interactive.pdf>

PRAYING FOR THE NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Bishop Christopher sadly retires later this summer and work is now underway to begin the discernment process for the appointment of a bishop to succeed him and to build on all that Bishop Christopher has achieved.

Please join in the Diocese's prayer over the coming weeks and months:

**God of all times and places,
send us a Bishop who will lead us faithfully
through days of rejoicing
and nights of challenge,
with prayer and Scripture,
with love and laughter,
with bread and wine.
Send your Holy Spirit
to guide those entrusted with this process.
May they recognise the person of your choice,
with ears that are open
and hearts that are wise.
Make us thankful for all that has gone before,
ready and hopeful for all that lies ahead,
led by a Bishop whose ministry is a blessing
to everyone in Southwark Diocese,
as we hear the good news of Jesus
and delight in the love of God.
Amen.**

USING A DEVICE TO READ THE SERVICE SHEET

As you came into church, one of our stewards will have asked you if you wanted to take the service sheet on your phone. By reading the service sheet in this way you are helping us each week reduce our paper use and our printing costs. Thank you for playing your part. Every copy we don't have to print saves us a couple of pounds and also helps us become more sustainable by using less paper. We will always have paper copies for those who prefer it, but if you can think about switching to using your device, we would be grateful.

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

RIVERS OF LIFE FESTIVAL: BATTERSEA TO BANKSIDE

UNTIL FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

This is a festival of reflection, art and community, exploring the importance of rivers as images of spirit in Christianity and in other traditions. It's a collaborative festival that connects a range of churches along the Thames, from Battersea to Bankside. A diverse programme of events celebrates water in different ways, through worship, creative workshops, exhibitions, seminars and interfaith dialogue. More details at www.riversoflife.london

MANNEQUINS REQUIRED

FRIDAY 8 – SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

For the upcoming Flowers and Vestments exhibition we are in need of some mannequins to display some of the pieces. If you are in possession of a mannequin which you would be happy for us to use at the exhibition, please do let Katie Beanland know katie.beanland@southwark.anglican.org

Please note that due to this exhibition on Sunday 10 May the 9.00am Eucharist will take place in the Nave.

EXPERIMENTING WITH AN AMEN: THE POETRY OF R. S. THOMAS AND THE TIDES OF FAITH

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026, 6.30PM, GARRY WESTON LIBRARY

R. S. Thomas (1913-2000) was a priest and poet living in rural Wales and writing some of the finest religious poetry of the 20th century. The Dean will introduce Thomas' work and see how it both expresses and explores the contemporary life of faith and questioning, as well as the belief that living out faith is an alternative to the prevalent worldview of, what Thomas called, 'the Machine'.

ORGAN MEDITATION FOR THE ASCENSION

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026, 4.30PM

Join Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor and Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist for a special meditation on the Ascension of our Lord. This will take place on Sunday 17 May at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Lasting around 45 minutes, it will feature Olivier Messiaen's iconic *L'Ascension* paired with beautiful poetry selected by Canon Kathryn.

READERS, INTERCESSORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thank you – to all those who read or led intercessions, or acted as Eucharistic ministers during Holy Week and Easter. We are really grateful for your ministry – an important part of our worship here at Southwark.

We'd like, though, to be sure that our lists reflect those who actually want to continue in role – and to discover whether there are others out there who would be interested in taking up a new ministry. So if you're serving in any of these roles, please let us know whether you'd like to continue, take on something more, or step back by emailing rsvp@southwark.anglican.org

If we don't hear from you by Sunday 17 May, we'll assume you'd prefer to be taken off the list for now. A simple "happy to continue as is" will suffice.

If you're interested in trying a new role, please copy in Canon Kathryn – some roles involve training, and we'll be glad to support you.

kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org

This update helps us to include everyone who would like to be involved, keep our list of ministers up to date and ensures the appropriate safeguarding is in place. Thank you once again for all that you do.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

SUNDAY 10 – SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026

The sermon at the 9.00 am and the 11.00am on the 10 May will be given by Pete Moorey, Head of Fundraising and Engagement, Community and Churches at Christian Aid. There will be opportunities for you to make your personal donation, including in the library over coffee and croissants from 9.45–10.45am. Raising money for Christian Aid, who work with the poorest people in the world, was something that was very important to the late Helen Shipley, who did so much to raise money for Christian Aid at the Cathedral.

GIFT AID ON CONTACTLESS

During the collection, our stewards will have offered you a basket or a contactless device. If you gave your collection by contactless, did you know that you can gift aid your donation? To gift aid your donations simply donate one week on the fixed giving points as you came in, perhaps make a small donation one of these devices and it will ask you to enter your details for gift aid and the system will automatically apply gift aid on any future donation with the same card.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF MASVINGO AND HIS WIFE

It was good to welcome Bishop Osiward and his wife, Jane, from our link diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe. During his visit, we heard him preach and speak about the current realities of ministry in Masvingo and we explored opportunities for mutual support. We hope to be able to give you further information about this in the next couple of weeks.

The Cathedral's Masvingo Link Group nurtures our relationship with friends in Zimbabwe. We are keen to welcome new members; if you would like to find out more, please contact Canon Wendy Robins at wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org.

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ

SATURDAY 18 – SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

AN INVITATION FROM THE DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

I am writing to extend an invitation to young people (15 - 18) across the whole diocese to join our youth pilgrimage to Taizé. The trip runs from 18 - 26 July 2026 and will cost £300 per person.

We are pleased to extend the invitation to all parishes in the diocese. Below is the link to our website, which contains the full details of the trip, and I am happy to be put in contact with anyone who would like to ask questions or learn more.

<https://www.ymic-southwark.org/about-1>

We have limited spaces and would like to take as many Southwark youth as possible. Bookings close at the end of May.

Fr Kieron Rowley SMMS

Director of Youth Ministry in Communion Southwark

Associate Priest in the Parish of Putney

SAVE THE DATE: PRIDE IN LONDON MARCH 2026

Once again the Cathedral will be taking part in the Pride in London March on Saturday 4 July. Details to follow in due course. We have 50 wristbands so please contact michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org to reserve yours. First come, first served!

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/>

LONDON FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY CHURCH MUSIC

SUNDAY 10 MAY

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

MONDAY 11 MAY

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

TUESDAY 12 MAY

3.15pm **Recital (LFCCM Singers)**
5.30pm **Choral Evensong**



On Sunday 10, Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 May our choral services will form part of the London Festival of Contemporary Church Music (8–17 May). LFCCM promotes and celebrates new and recent sacred choral and organ works, with services and concerts across London and beyond. Highlights this year include a day (13 May) at Holy Sepulchre Church with the Cathedral Music Trust, with special guests Sir John Rutter, Dame Judith Weir, Gabriel Jackson and Andrew Carwood, as well as concerts by Pegasus Chamber Choir (8 May), the Choir of Royal Holloway (15 May), RCM Junior Department organist students (16 May), and the LFCCM Festival Singers (12 & 13 May) performing specially selected Festival submissions. To find out more about Festival services and concerts, scan the QR code or visit www.lfccm.com.

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

FILM SCREENING, SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 4.15PM

To mark the Great Big Green Week (6–14 June), we will be hosting a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*, a 50-minute film presenting the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis, featuring expert interviews, celebrity reactions, and insights into impacts on food, cost of living, health, and extreme weather. This will take place in the library and the Bishop of Kingston, The Rt Rev'd Martin Gainsborough, will lead a discussion after the film. Choral Evensong will be at 3.00pm with an environmental theme.

PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

We have good news! A Summer Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday 21 June in the Cathedral churchyard after the 11.00am service, and everyone is invited. Please put the date in your diary, and we look forward to sharing with you all the practical arrangements in the weeks ahead.

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Dee Dee HS, Franki G, Caroline C, Frances G, Santou BC, Anna S, Justine M, Andy B, Sarah M, John O, Joan M, Augustus B, Cyril B, Andrew C, Judy, Julie A, Jack C, Madeleine L, Rob B, Jean P, Pam M, Shireen, Dinah K, Sarah R, Sally P, Sam J, Elizabeth H

THE DEPARTED

Sonja Mills, Belinda, Tom Bendy, Lois King, Stephen Ward, Margaret Anderson, Donald Hamilton, Margaret Clarke, Rosemary Dawson, Henrietta Ewart, Rosina Ampah, The Rt Rev'd Richard Harries

YEAR'S MIND

Noriaki Matsumoto

CLERGY AWAY

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor
(Friends of Southwark Cathedral Pilgrimage to Holy Island)

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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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