

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

11.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

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POSTURE

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

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Please note that this service is livestreamed. If you would prefer not to appear in the livestream, please sit in the North Transept.

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

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

If you are a UK taxpayer we would be grateful if, before the service begins, you would complete the yellow envelope provided, since this enables us to claim a further 25% from HM Revenue & Customs.

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

SETTING

Missa brevis
Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Choral et Fugue, Op. 57
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

This service is part of the Cathedral's contribution to the London Festival of Contemporary Church Music. You can find out more in the notices.

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

CP 424



Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in ev'ry part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

Fill ev'ry part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be
but all my life, in ev'ry step,
be fellowship with thee.

TUNE: RICHMOND

Melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)
Harony S. Webbe the younger (c. 1770-1843)

TEXT:

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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 gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept.

God of mercy and grace,
your steadfast love extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Yet still we turn away from you.
We give up in the face of challenges.
We allow division to deepen.
We tell ourselves that you have deserted us.
When we lose faith, loving God, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Jesus, you call us to love one another
and to share our good gifts with our neighbours.
But too often we say: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'
We hold tight to what is ours.
We do not listen to cries for justice.
We tell ourselves that there is nothing we can do.
When we fail to turn our faith into action, loving God, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Holy Spirit, your fruit is faithfulness, love, joy and peace.
Too often we fear the growth and change
that comes with being guided by you.
We would rather pursue our own way.
We do what is wrong and we neglect to do what is good.
When we fall short as faithful followers,
loving God, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All **Amen.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 17.22-31

Read by **Harry Grayson**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66.7-18

The response is:



Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life
and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. **R**

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. **R**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me. **R**

I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me, **R**

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessèd be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.13-end

Read by **Deborah Stuart**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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!

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments,' says the Lord:
'and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you for ever.'

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 14.15-21

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.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit
of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor
knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world
will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On
that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me;
and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and
reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Pete Moorey, Christian Aid

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 **Elizabeth James***

These responses are used:

Just and faithful God, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

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 mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed.'

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 408i



Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

TUNE: BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1937)

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our 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.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

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.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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 vâr... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... ОТЧЕ НАШ... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Upon your heart • Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep my commandments,
you shall abide in my love,
Love one another as I have loved you,
Then shall your joy be complete.

**Song of Solomon 8.6-7
John 15.9-12**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory,
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

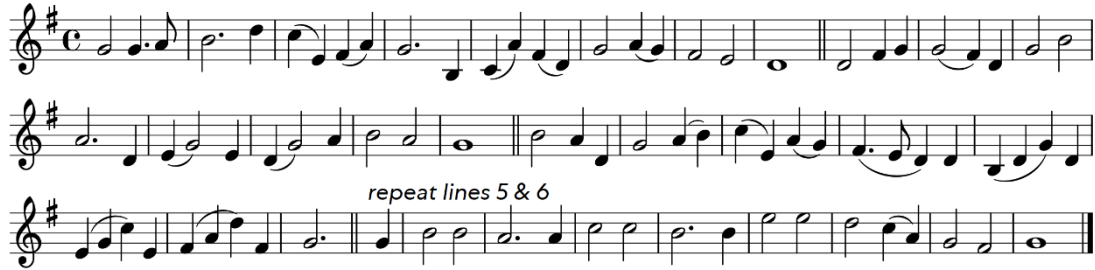
The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself:
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service:
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts and minds:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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

THE FINAL HYMN

CP 376



And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

TUNE: SAGINA

from Thomas Campbell's *The Bouquet* 1825

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Prelude, Andante & Toccata • André Fleury (1903-1995)

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◆ NOTICES ◆

WORSHIP

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

Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

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†

MONDAY 11 — FRIDAY 15 MAY

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

SATURDAY 16 MAY

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

SUNDAY 17 MAY • THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Rev'd Canon Deacon Frances Hiller, Honorary Minor Canon</i>
4.30pm	A Meditation on the Ascension <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i> <i>& Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist</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:

The Friends of Southwark Cathedral
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London, SE1 9DA

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

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS AT 1.20PM, ENTRY FREE

11 MAY	Richard Moore
25 MAY	Alexia Tye (Paris)
1 JUNE	Simon Hogan (Southwark Cathedral)
8 JUNE	Manuel Kelber-Bender (Heilbronn, Germany)
15 JUNE	Alexander Ffinch (Cheltenham College)

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.

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.

THREADS & PETALS EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 8 – SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

This May we will be hosting a free exhibition of historic church garments and flower displays in the Retrochoir and Sanctuary. The Jubilee copes, Comper vestments and Talbot cope will be some of the highlights.

The exhibition will celebrate and showcase the artistry, heritage, and craftsmanship embodied in Southwark Cathedral's vestments and floral designs. It will highlight the skill, creativity, and dedication of the Cathedral's volunteer broderers and flower arrangers and engage visitors with the living traditions of ecclesiastical craft and design, demonstrating how faith and creativity intertwine in the life of the Cathedral.

FAREWELL TO JAMES GOUGH

James Gough has been appointed as Director of Music at St John the Evangelist Church in Upper Norwood. He leaves Southwark Cathedral after nearly five years as Assistant Organist and Music Administrator to take up the role. On behalf of the Cathedral community, we thank him for all that he has contributed to our musical life, in particular his enterprising and energetic approach to reaching out to the wider community, including a number of organ outreach concerts and the hugely successful summer organ festival. We wish him well in his new role.

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!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

SUNDAY 10 – SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026

The sermon at the 9.00am and the 11.00am today will be given by Pete Moorey, Head of Fundraising & Engagement, Community & 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.

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

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.

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/>

ORGAN MEDITATION ON 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.

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECTED

MONDAY 11 APRIL, 6.30-8.00PM, TUTU ROOM

Connected, the Cathedral's young adults' group, will meet on Monday 11 April from 6.30-8.00pm in the Tutu Room in the Cathedral. We will be discussing putting our faith into action. We will be returning to our regular first Monday of the month slot from June.

For more information, please contact Jack Fleming jackandrachel2204@gmail.com, or speak to Fr Michael.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2026

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 17 May after the Choral Eucharist. Notices are at the South West door, notice board and on the Cathedral website of the agenda and elections to take place at the APCM. There are vacancies for Cathedral Wardens. Nominations close on Sunday 17 May at 10.00am. Nomination forms are available from the Sub Dean, Canon Michael Rawson.

The Electoral Roll is available for inspection to enable anyone to check whether their name is on it.

Enquiries or corrections may be sent to: michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

◆ 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

Stephen Ward, Margaret Addison, Margaret Clarke, Donald Hamilton, Rosemary Dawson, Henrietta Ewart, Rosina Ampah, Richard Harries, Paula Roche, Malcolm Johnson, Norman King, Lois King

YEAR'S MIND

Michael Anthony Holmes, Dimitri Savoulidis, Eudora Milton King, Ken John Livingstone

CLERGY AWAY

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark
(St John the Divine, Kennington)

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor
(Bergen Cathedral with the Cathedral Unity Group)

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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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