

**SOUTHWARK**  
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**EUCCHARIST**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

9.00AM

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## WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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Please stand as the President, **Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian and the Preacher,**  
**Pete Moorey, Christian Aid,** enter.

## THE GATHERING

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

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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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**

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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.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

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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

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*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

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#### **Acts 17.22-31**

*Read by the Duty Verger*

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**

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### **Psalm 66.7-18**

*The response is:*

**Blessèd be God, who holds our souls in life.**

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

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### **1 Peter 3.13-end**

*Read by* **Sue Reardon Smith**

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

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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!**

## THE GOSPEL

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**John 14.15-21**

The Lord be with you  
**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

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**Pete Moorey, Christian Aid**

# THE CREED

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*Please stand.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

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

**Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*Please be seated or kneel.*

*The prayers are led by **Hilary Bagshaw***

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All      hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

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

*And at the end:*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

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'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.

*Bread and wine are presented at the Altar. We receive a collection at the end of the service, but you can also donate by following the QR code.*



## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

**All Blessèd be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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 saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**All** Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**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

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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 anyị...  
Fader vår...  
Pai nosso...  
हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता...  
Padre nuestro...  
我們在天上的父...  
Отче наш...  
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...  
Πάτερ ἡμῶν...  
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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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.**

## AGNUS DEI

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**All**     **Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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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. 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 draw near for a blessing.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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*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

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*Please be seated.*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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*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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

*Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard.*

*Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.*



### **RETIRING COLLECTION**

*The stewards will be on hand to collect monetary donations, gift aid envelopes and contactless donations. Alternatively, you can donate by following the QR code.*

# ◆ NOTICES ◆

## WORSHIP

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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.

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### SUNDAY 10 MAY • THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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### MONDAY 11 — FRIDAY 15 MAY

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

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### SATURDAY 16 MAY

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

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### SUNDAY 17 MAY • THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
9.00am	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean &amp; Pastor</i>
9.30am	<b>Eucharist at St Hugh's</b> <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean &amp; Pastor</i>
3.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>The Rev'd Canon Deacon Frances Hiller, Honorary Minor Canon</i>
4.30pm	<b>A Meditation on the Ascension</b> <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i> <i>&amp; Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist</i>
6.00pm	<b>Compline†</b>

## A SAFE CHURCH

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

**CSO** Neil Morter [neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org)

**CSRs** Cherry James [cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org)

Jill Tilley [jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org)

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

## CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

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

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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

### CRÈCHE

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

### JUNIOR XPRESS

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

[michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

### YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast is provided. We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. Please speak to the Sub Dean for more information: [michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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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](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](mailto:kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org), call 020 7367 3724 or post to:

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

## A RETREAT ON THE ISLE OF IONA

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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

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We are encouraging everyone to join the Parish Giving Scheme. If you need any help signing up online or if you would prefer to have a paper copy of the application form please speak with our wardens, Linda and Kristin or contact Canon Michael Rawson.

The Cathedral is keen to change to a more ethical and environmentally friendly bank and the move from many standing orders to one monthly transfer from the Parish Giving Scheme makes this aspiration achievable.

You can sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzdpuhp>. You will need your personal bank account details; the name of our parish: **Southwark Cathedral**; the PGS code for our parish: **370637001**; and whether you are eligible for Gift Aid.

## SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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

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

## REVISION OF THE CATHEDRAL ELECTORAL ROLL

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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**

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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**

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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?**

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

## RIVERS OF LIFE FESTIVAL: BATTERSEA TO BANKSIDE

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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](http://www.riversoflife.london)

## ORGAN RECITALS

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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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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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**

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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](mailto:wendy.robins@southwark.anglican.org).

## **THREADS & PETALS EXHIBITION**

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**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**

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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

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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](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org) to reserve yours. First come, first served!

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

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### 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

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### 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](http://www.lfccm.com).

## **GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**

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### **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**

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### **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**

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### **THURSDAYS, 7.30PM**

The Thursday Bible Study at St Hugh's, Bermondsey, SE1 3PT is inclusive, friendly and perfect for beginners or growing your confidence. Contact Bukky Omisakim for more information: <https://sthughsbermondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

## **ORGAN MEDITATION ON THE ASCENSION**

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### **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**

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### **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](mailto:jackandrachel2204@gmail.com), or speak to Fr Michael.

# ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2026

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## 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](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## ◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

### THE SICK

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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

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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

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

### CLERGY AWAY

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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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