

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

CREATION IN CHRIST

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

11.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

You are welcome to take photographs of the Cathedral but please do not take any photographs or videos during the service.

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Please switch your device to 'T'.

POSTURE

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

LIVESTREAMING

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.

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CHORAL EUCHARIST

PRESIDENT

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



DEACON

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



CHOIR

The Merbecke Choir

Emily Elias, Director

Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist



SETTING

Mass

Judith Bingham (b. 1952)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Maestoso *from* Sonata for Organ

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

HOPE FOR ALL CREATION

THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR CREATIONTIDE 2026

In the book of Genesis, we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good”. Rich, diverse and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory.

We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s creation. Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom and compassion, we are called to care for God’s creation.

During Creationtide, the church celebrates the Creator and God’s Creation. We confess our abuses of creation and seek inspiration to find ways of living in balance with the world God reconciled to himself through Christ.

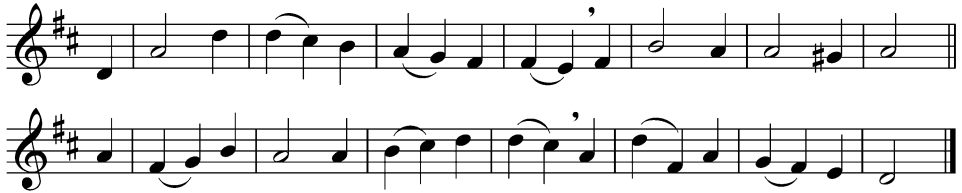


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Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

H&P 334 (t. NEH 64)



I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his Word,
And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

God's hand is my perpetual guard,
he guides me with his eye;
why should I then forget the Lord,
whose love is ever nigh?

TUNE: ABRIDGE

Isaac Smith (1734-1805)

TEXT:

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE GATHERING

In the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
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

Wisdom rejoiced before God,
delighting in the whole created world
and rejoicing in the children of the earth.
Yet we have turned from the ways of wisdom
and failed to delight in all that God has made.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive you
by the death of the Son,
and strengthen you to live
by the power of the Spirit all your days.

All **Amen.**

Please sit when the President sits. The choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
and goodwill to his people.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,
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.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God
whose hands flung the stars and planets into space,
open our eyes to the beauty of your creation,
open our minds to the mysteries of its laws,
open our hands to care for its wellbeing,
and open our hearts to love one another and live in peace,
until the day dawns when all things are made new
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.12-end

Read by **Rosemary Nelson**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

You shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



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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!

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the world.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 8.23-27

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

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 **Sr Joyce CSF***

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

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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 265



Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shewn in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

TUNE: REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

TEXT:

C. A. Alington (1872-1955)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

All **Blessèd be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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 blessèd 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 in him, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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:

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

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

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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

Baba wa...
Notre Père...
天におられる私たちの父よ...
Nna 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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. 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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks • Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me: where is now thy God?

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Please stand.

Knowing that God has blessed us with abundant riches, let us commit ourselves to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Silence is kept.

Will you order your life
to protect and preserve the earth's resources,
living simply so that others may simply live?

All We will.

Will you pray for all
who sow in the hope of an abundant harvest,
for those who will grow and be fed by it?

All We will.

Will you preach the good news of God's new creation
that others may learn to tend and nurture it;
and will you welcome others
to feast on bread and wine at His table?

All We will.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all creation;
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 Processional Cross passes.

THE FINAL HYMN

CP 418 (t. NEH 185)



Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description,
only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love—as sisters, brothers—
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost
may your love unite our action
never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

TEXT:
Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

THE DISMISSAL

Tend the earth,
care for God's good creation
and bring for the fruits of righteousness.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Recessional • William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard.
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have not set up a regular payment.*

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

◆ 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 6 SEPTEMBER • CREATION IN CHRIST

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Canon Dr Alun Ford, Honorary Canon & Chaplain to the Acting Bishop of Southwark</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Rev'd Canon Deacon Frances Hiller, Honorary Minor Canon</i>
6.00pm	Compline†

MONDAY 7 — FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

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

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER • THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRONAL FESTIVAL

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Ben Bell</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</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.

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 and YOUTH XPRESS are on their summer break and resume on Sunday 13 September.

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.

CONNECTED GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Connected returns to its usual rhythm of 1st Monday meetings, gathering at 6.30 in the Tutu Room. For more information contact Jack and Rachel Fleming jandrffleming@pm.me

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.

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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

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
Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge
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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, Maggie 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/bdzydpuhp>. 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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

RETURNING ON THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 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/>

PRAYING FOR A NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Bishop Christopher has now retired and work is progressing on the discernment process for the appointment of a bishop to succeed him and to build on all that Bishop Christopher has achieved. This will be a particular focus at Evensong on 13 September.

Please join in the Diocese's prayer:

**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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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

EPISODE 24 • ADRIAN THATCHER ON ENDING ABUSIVE THEOLOGIES

In this episode of the Southwark Cathedral Podcast, recorded live in August 2026, Professor Adrian Thatcher discusses his new book *Ending Abusive Theologies*.

He argues that, alongside safeguarding processes, the Church of England must also examine its theology and the ways in which certain teachings can cause harm. Drawing on his work on sexuality, gender, race and power, Thatcher explores the impact of shame, exclusion and harmful interpretations of scripture. He challenges biblical literalism, places Jesus at the centre of Christian faith, and considers how the Church should respond to difficult passages about divine violence in the Hebrew Bible.

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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

ST PATRICK'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 10.15AM

Please join us to celebrate the path we walk with Francis of Assisi. We will leave from the St Francis & St Elizabeth Chapel, Southwark Cathedral at 10.15am. The route is short, but there will be stops along the way. We will share a short service of prayer and reflection and eat a picnic lunch together. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jenny O'Neill : skoneill91@gmail.com

HARRY BRAMMA

We are sorry to learn of the death of Harry Bramma who was Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral from 1976-1989. May he rest in the love and peace of Christ. We will share details of Harry's funeral service in due course.

MOTHERS' UNION NEW BANNER APPEAL

Members of the Mothers' Union are very grateful for the overwhelming generosity of the congregation, in response to the appeal for a new banner. The amount raised to date is £4475 and we have raised the deposit, thus ensuring that the banner can be ordered once the design is approved. Thank you everyone and we hope to see you at our next fundraising event, which is the cake sale on 6 September after the 11.00am Eucharist.



Donations can still be made using this QR code:

MOTHERS' UNION 150TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY

Please do take time to enjoy the Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary display in the Retrochoir.

MOTHERS UNION CAKE SALE

There will be a fund-raising cake sale after the 11.00 Choral Eucharist today.

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

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| 7 September | Norman Harper (formerly St George's RC Cathedral, Southwark) |
| 14 September | Ben Sheen (Jesus College, Cambridge) |
| 21 September | Michael Heighway (Westminster School) |
| 28 September | Simon Hogan (Organist, Southwark Cathedral) |

NINIAN COMPER EAST WINDOW

Following concerns about the condition of the East Window above the High Altar, a detailed inspection has now revealed it to be in a fragile state. The entire window will need to be removed and stored pending a comprehensive plan for conservation and reinstatement. We are currently working on a fundraising strategy and will provide updates when we have further information. Please direct any questions to mark.oakley@southwark.anglican.org or michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

LANCELOT 400

Lancelot 400 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of Bishop Lancelot Andrewes with a weekend of worship, music, talks, tours and exhibitions at Southwark Cathedral.

Andrewes was Bishop of Winchester from 1619 and became closely associated with Southwark, where he died in 1626. He is the only Bishop of Winchester buried in Southwark Cathedral. A brilliant scholar, linguist and preacher, he was also one of the translators of the King James Bible. His sermons and writings continued to influence figures including T. S. Eliot, and his legacy remains significant in Anglican worship, theology and English literature.

Join us as we celebrate the life and enduring legacy of one of the Church of England's greatest scholars, in the place where he is laid to rest. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY EXHIBITION FROM LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

Discover a display of facsimile manuscripts and documents relating to Andrewes and his life.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL WALKING TOUR: LANCELOT ANDREWES' LONDON 10.30AM–12.00PM

Explore landmarks connected with Andrewes' childhood, priesthood and time as a bishop on a guided walk through the City of London. Please note this involves long periods of standing. Tickets from £10 via Eventbrite.



CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR: LANCELOT ANDREWES SPECIAL 11.00AM–12.00PM

Discover Southwark Cathedral's connections with Andrewes as part of the Lancelot 400 celebrations. Tickets from £7 via Eventbrite.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EUCHARIST 12.30PM

Celebrate Holy Communion following the Book of Common Prayer, including one of Andrewes' own sermons.

TALK BY ROWAN WILLIAMS RELEASING THE SPIRIT: LANCELOT ANDREWES AND THE POETICS OF PREACHING 2.00PM–3.30PM

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams explores Andrewes' life, faith and distinctive approach to preaching. Free, but pre-booking is recommended via Eventbrite. The lecture will be followed by 4.00 Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY EXHIBITION FROM LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

Discover a display of facsimile manuscripts and documents relating to Andrewes and his life.

CHORAL EUCHARIST

11.00AM

The Very Rev'd David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, will preach. The service will include the first performance of a newly commissioned hymn by Malcolm Guite, written for the anniversary.

FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG

3.00PM

The Cathedral Choir is joined by the Choir of Pembroke College, Cambridge, where Andrewes was Master, for a special service.

THREADS THROUGH THE CROSS

3 SEPTEMBER — 7 OCTOBER 2026

Experience a stunning textile journey through Jesus' life, death and resurrection in the Cathedral over the next month.

Part of the hugely popular *Threads Through the Bible* trilogy by artist Jacqui Parkinson, *Threads Through the Cross* showcases the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through intricate textile panels, with each panel over 2 metres high and ranging from 1.5 to over 3 metres wide.

Threads through the Bible is an incredible display of three sequences – *Threads Through Creation*, *Threads Through the Cross* and *Threads through Revelation*. Taking over 10 years to complete, a total of 44 panels and over 25 million stitches, this impressive trilogy of work would reach more than 80 meters long when exhibited together.

Free entry, donations welcome.

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Michael W, Dee Dee HS, Sylvie A, Rob B, Augustus B, Julie A, Justine M, Sarah M, Andy B, Jack C, Tom D, Madeleine L, Cyril B, Adrian C, Judy, Tom J, Carla S, Bryan S, Susan P, Margaret B, Eden, Lizzie-Ann, Antony Z, Charlie R, Mary H, Frank C, Jean P, Pam M, Shireen, Dinah K, Sarah R, Sally P, Sam J, Elizabeth H, Christopher KD, Santou BC, Caroline C, Paul DF, Franki G, Frances G

THE DEPARTED

Harry Brama, Susan Andrew, Bryan Harris, Nigel Worn

YEAR'S MIND

Roger Chumbley, Mark Robinson, Michael Grater, Margaret Baddiley, HLM Queen Elizabeth II, Woyin Karowei Dorgu, Timothy Ash, Derek Turner, Richard Shaw, Peach Sholeh, Brian Toop

CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark (Poetry Retreat on Iona)

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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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