

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE BLESSÈD VIRGIN MARY
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026
11.00AM

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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please ensure that all electronic devices are switched to silent.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

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HEARING LOOP

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.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

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

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



DEACON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer



CHOIR

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



SETTING

Missa brevis in D major, KV 194
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648
'Dorian' Toccata in D minor, BWV 538
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

CP 243



The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.

O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:

Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.

O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

TUNE: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Melody adapted by
Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

TEXT:

Venantius Fortunatus (530-600)
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

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 grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

Silence is kept.

The Angel announced to Mary,
and she said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord,'
but we have run away from your call.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Mary awaited the fulfilment of all that was promised to her,
but we have been distracted and rebellious.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Mary cared for Christ from the cradle to the cross,
but we struggle to be faithful to you, to one another or ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All **Amen.**

Please 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.

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessèd Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61.10-end

Read by **Maggie Still, Cathedral Warden**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45.10-17

The response is:



Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour. **R**

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **R**

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king. **R**

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.
'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' **R**

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

Read by **Kristin Ruby, Cathedral Warden**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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!

My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1.46-55

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer

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 Lovette Marah

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

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THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 185



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

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

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

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

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

TEXT:

G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your son at the breast.
nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.**

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,
and on this feast of Mary, ever blessed,
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.

For you have truly done great things
and holy is your name,
and your mercy is on those who fear you
in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant
you remembered your promise of mercy
and gave the world through her
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you
and rejoice in your presence for ever.
May our voices join with theirs
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

The Choir sings:

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

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
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:

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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 anyi... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गवासी 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

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

Und unser lieben Frauen • Max Reger (1873-1916)

Und unser lieben Frauen
der traumet ihr ein Traum,
wie unter ihrem Herzen
gewachsen wär ein Baum.

Und wie der Baum ein Schatten
gäb wohl über alle Land;
Herr Jesus Christ der Heiland
also ist er genannt.

Herr Jesus Christ der Heiland
ist unser Heil und Trost,
mit seiner bitteren Marter
hat er uns all erlöst.

And Our Dear Lady
dreamed a dream,
how beneath her heart
a tree had grown.

And how the tree would cast its shade
over all the land;
the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour,
so is he called.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour,
is our salvation and consolation;
through his bitter Passion
he has redeemed us all.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All Amen.

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

NEH 186



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

TUNE: WOODLANDS

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

TEXT:

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

THE DISMISSAL

As living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur “Ave maris stella” • Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard.
Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you
have not set up a regular payment.*

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to 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 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†

MONDAY 14 • HOLY CROSS DAY — FRIDAY 18 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, Fri) or Evening Prayer (Wed, Thu)

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER • THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist with Farewell to the Canon Chancellor* <i>Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</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.

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.

HOLY CROSS DAY & FRANCIS OF ASSISI 800

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, EUCHARIST AT 12.45PM

We welcome members of the Franciscan community to mark Holy Cross Day and the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death. We will re-dedicate the beautifully restored altar hangings in the Chapel of St Francis and St Elizabeth, conserved by the Cathedral Broderers. All are welcome.

THE RETIREMENT OF CANON WENDY ROBINS

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

We will celebrate Wendy's long and much-valued ministry here at the Cathedral and in the Diocese on Sunday 20 September. Alan has been very much part of Wendy's ministry here and has his own ministry as a server and listener. Wendy is going to take some time out, but Alan will still be around. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them both in this time of transition. Please join us for celebratory drinks following the 11am Choral Eucharist.

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
London, SE1 9DA

FLOWERS IN MEMORIAM

The flowers today are given by Heather and Augustus Boothe in memory of Heather's son, Mark.

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/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.

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

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.

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

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 after the 11.00am Eucharist today.



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.

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

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| 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

MUSIC RECITAL

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 3.15PM

Join us as musicians Issa Diallo & Josephine Russell from the Royal Academy of Music perform music for piano and oboe by Schumann, Janáček and Saint-Saëns.

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 OF LANCELOT ANDREWES' VOLUMES

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 OF LANCELOT ANDREWES' VOLUMES

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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

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

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

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 Bramma, Susan Andrew, Bryan Harris, Nigel Worn, Emile Carew

YEAR'S MIND

Richard Shaw, Peach Sholeh, Graeme Norwell, John Martin, Susan Cowdell, Emily Carew, Sheila Gilchrist, Roy Williamson, Virginia Davidson

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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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