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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026
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WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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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.

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.

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.

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

Contactless donations can be made by selecting your donation amount and tapping the terminal provided by the stewards.



Alternatively, either before or after the service, there are several donation points in the Cathedral where you can make your donation, or you can simply scan the QR code, or text SOUTHWARK (Amount) to 70085 (one standard rate message is also charged). Thank you very much for your generous support of the Cathedral.

You can also support the Cathedral by buying your books from the ethical online bookseller bookshop.org and designating Southwark Cathedral shop for the 30% of purchase price donation they offer us.

Please stand as the President, The Revd Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor AND Brother Tobias, SSF, Preacher, enter

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.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Silence is kept

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith..

All Christ came in humility to share our lives:
 Forgive our pride.
 Lord, have mercy.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Christ came with good news for all people.
 Forgive our silence.
 Christ, have mercy.
 All Christ, have mercy.
 Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
 Forgive our self-centredness
 All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart:
Grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
We may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
And know only Jesus Christ, and him crucified
Who is alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Read by **Duty Verger**

A reading from The Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Read by **Malcolm Baines**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65. 1-6

The response is:

You tend the earth and water it. You make it rich and fertile

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple. **R**

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples. **R**

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Read by Sue Reardon-Smith

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:16-30

All 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.

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Brother Tobias, SSF

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 **Matthew Peck**

These responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us.
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 with joy and be led forth in peace: the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the fields 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.

Bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2) at the end of the service. Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

<https://bit.ly/3T6o2tL>

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed 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

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
Because all things are of your making
All times and seasons obey your laws,



But you have chosen to create us in your own image,
Setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.
You have made us stewards of your creation
To praise you day by day
For the marvels of your wisdom and power:
So earth unites with heaven
To sing with Francis and all the saints the new song of creation:

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.**

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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**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 Blessèd Virgin Mary, Francis
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.	Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyi... 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... اے ہمارے با
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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.**

AGNUS DEI

**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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father**

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. Receiving Communion in one kind is still receiving Communion in full. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, by whose grace Francis, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
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 NOTICES

Please be seated.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

The earth has yielded its harvest;
All God, our God, has blessed us.

You crown the year with your goodness;
All and your paths overflow with plenty.

The meadows are clothed with sheep;
**All the valleys stand so thick with corn,
 they shout for joy and sing.**

The earth has yielded its harvest;
All God, our God, has blessed us.

Freely you have received, so freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All in the name of Christ. Amen.
All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

◆ NOTICES ◆

WORSHIP

*Services marked with an * are livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@southwarkcathedral2224/streams>*

Services marked with a † are only available online.

Preachers are indicated in italics.

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER • ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI & HARVEST

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Br Tobias SSF</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>The Rev'd Canon Dr Alun Ford</i> <i>Chaplain to the Acting Bishop of Southwark & Honorary Canon</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Br Tobias SSF</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Sr Joyce CSF</i>
6.00pm	Compline[†]

MONDAY 5— FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.00pm	Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land
12.30pm	Midday Prayer with the Litany of Reconciliation (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist
5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri) or Evening Prayer (Wed)

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Choir of St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common</i>

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER • COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS SUNDAY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist <i>Bishop Michael Doe</i>
9.30am	Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* <i>Bishop Michael Doe</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Rev'd Canon Frances Hiller</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:

CSO	Neil Morter neil.morter@southwark.anglican.org
CSRs	Cherry James cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org Russell Silverwood russell.silverwood@southwark.anglican.org

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 XPRESS

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

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

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

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.

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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

CÈILIDH IN THE CATHEDRAL, FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

After the success of last year we will be holding our Cèilidh again this year. Tickets are now on sale <https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofsouthwarkcathedral/2286144>

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

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.

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.

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

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

Episode 27 | Lancelot Andrewes at 400: Preaching, Liturgy, and the Gift of Language

In this episode of the Southwark Cathedral Podcast, Canon Precentor Kathryn Fleming is joined by Cathedral archivist Guy Rowston and PhD student Anika Goddard to explore the life and legacy of one of the most influential figures buried at Southwark Cathedral. From his distinctive approach to preaching and worship, to his role in the creation of the King James Bible, they consider what made Andrewes such a fascinating and sometimes surprising figure. What did he believe made a good sermon? Why was liturgy so important to him? And what can his approach to language, prayer and worship tell us today?

The conversation forms part of Southwark Cathedral's programme marking 400 years since Andrewes' death.

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THREADS THROUGH THE CROSS

UNTIL 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.

HARRY BRAMMA

REQUIEM EUCHARIST, THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2.00PM

We were sorry to hear of the death of Harry Bramma, former Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral from 1976-1989, in August. May he rest in the love and peace of Christ. Harry's Requiem Eucharist will take place on Thursday 8 October at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

NINIAN COMPER EAST WINDOW

We have received a structural update on our historic Ninian Comper window above the High Altar. While the window is certainly in need of significant repair, inspectors have assured us it is not in danger of falling out imminently. This means we can safely wait and address its restoration as part of our planned heritage works.

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 the Dean or Sub Dean:

mark.oakley@southwark.anglican.org or michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

ROBES AGM AND SHOWCASE

Robes invites you to our AGM to learn more about the work that we deliver throughout the year for people experiencing homelessness in Lambeth and Southwark. The Christchurch, Blackfriars shelter is one of 20 that Robes provides through the winter months, alongside our day centre at Elephant & Castle which opens throughout the year.

Our AGM and showcase of our work takes place in the Weston Library on Wed October 7th from 6pm to 8pm. We will be serving light refreshments, wine, and soft drinks and the event is free to attend.

There is no requirement to pre-book – but it will help with catering if you can indicate your interest by email to Andrew.McCall@Robes.org.uk

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/>

AUTUMN PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, AFTER 11.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

We have good news! We are planning an Autumn Parish Picnic in the Cathedral Retrochoir 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.

Thank you,

Maggie & Kristin, Cathedral Wardens

ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The Cathedral hosts a winter night shelter as part of the Robes project, providing safe, warm accommodation on Friday evenings from January to March. We have a team of 40 volunteers who make it all happen and if you would like to be part of the team or keen to learn more please contact Neil Tryner at nptryner@gmail.com, one of the team leaders who is happy to explain. You do not need to have any experience of working with homeless people and we will provide support and training before you start. We are always in need of volunteers to help cook dinner for 20 guests on Friday evening, sleep over on the shelter on Friday night and help cook breakfast on Saturday morning and clear the shelter and are looking for people who want to help with something practical to people in our community, are able to engage with people or happy to role sleeves up and do practical things like making beds up, moving furniture, cleaning showers or washing up.

SUPPORTING MISSION THROUGH OUR GIVING

Southwark Cathedral's 2025 Mission Allocation totalled £27,921, which is being distributed to charities during 2026. Funded by 10% of the income received through planned giving, the Parish Giving Scheme and Sunday collections, these donations support organisations whose work reflects the Five Marks of Mission.

From responding to human need and challenging injustice to caring for creation. We will also be inviting nominations for the 2026 allocation soon, so please begin thinking about charities you would like the Cathedral to consider.

[Read the full article](#) and discover the charities receiving support.

ORGAN RECITALS

MONDAYS, 1.20PM, FREE ENTRY

5 October	Holly Broadbent (St Mary's Cathedral, Perth)
12 October	Imogen Morgan (St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh)
19 October	Oliver King (Saffron Walden)
26 October	Simon Hogan (Organist, Southwark Cathedral)

HARVEST DONATIONS FOR THE MANNA CENTRE

This year we are celebrating **Harvest Festival on Sunday 4 October** alongside the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Each year we support the Manna Centre for the homeless. They are in particular need of tinned foods, clothing and toiletries. Items can be left with the vergers.

A full list of items needed can be found on their website:

<https://mannasociety.org.uk/support-us/donate-items/>

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Michael W, Dee Dee HS, Rob 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, Janet B, Jimmy F, 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, Luke D, Harry R

THE DEPARTED

Harry Bramma, Susan Andrew, Bryan Harris, Nigel Worn, Janet, Hannah White, Alison Jones, George Bush, Noreen Ford, Adrian Clarke.

YEAR'S MIND

Craig Stirling Cullingworth, John Milton-King, Sean Patrick Hopkins, Richard Hearn, John Godfrey, Angie Ackland, John Godfrey

CLERGY AWAY

The Dean, is preaching at St John's Friern Barnet.

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian is preaching at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cape Town, South Africa.

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean is at St Hugh's.

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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