

◆ NOTICES SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026 ◆

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 17 MAY • THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer* |
| 9.00am | Eucharist <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i> |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor</i> |
| 11.00am | Choral Eucharist* <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i> |
| 3.00pm | Choral Evensong and installation of the Revd Stephen Stavrou as an Honorary Minor Canon <i>The Rev'd Canon Deacon Frances Hiller, Honorary Minor Canon</i> |
| 6.00pm | Compline† |

MONDAY 11 — FRIDAY 15 MAY

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| 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 | Evening Prayer (Mon, Tue, Wed) or Choral Evensong (Thu, Fri) |

SATURDAY 23 MAY

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| 9.00am | Morning Prayer* |
| 9.30am | Eucharist |
| 3.30pm | Evening Prayer |

SUNDAY 24 MAY • PENTECOST

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer* |
| 9.00am | Eucharist <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i> |
| 9.30am | Eucharist at St Hugh's <i>Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor</i> |
| 11.00am | Choral Eucharist* <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i> |
| 3.00pm | Choral Evensong <i>Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer</i> |
| 6.00pm | Compline & Benediction* |

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.

CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

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

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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

CRÈCHE

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

JUNIOR XPRESS

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

michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast is provided. We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. The next meeting is 14 June. Please speak to the Sub Dean for more information: michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF THE HOME, WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, 10.30AM

Join the Friends for a special visit to the Museum of the Home in Hoxton, just north of the City of London. Information is in our newsletter which you'll find on the Cathedral website and tickets: £22 available via Eventbrite.

https://Friends_museum_of_the_home.eventbrite.co.uk

WINE TASTING, FRIDAY 5 JUNE

Do you know your prosecco from your cava? And what on earth should you be looking for when buying a bottle of Champagne? Why not come and find out the answer to these, and all your fizz-related questions at this fun, informal wine tasting event?

Sample at least 6 wines, all with a bit of sparkle and learn some interesting facts on the way, which will leave you more confident to talk about that most special of wines - sparkling! After the highly popular wine tasting last year, we are pleased to welcome back Erica from Taste of the Vine to guide our evening

Tickets £29.50 each or a table of 6 £165

Tickets available via Ticket Tailor.

<https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofsouthwarkcathedral/2094415>

SAVE THE DATE, CÈILIDH IN THE CATHEDRAL, FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

After the success of last year we will be holding our Ceilidh again this year. Tickets will go on sale in the summer but please keep the date and share with your friends.

BECOME A FRIEND

Still thinking of joining us? We'd love to welcome you. The Friends play a vital part in contributing to the future of the Cathedral and its missions. Membership costs from £25 a year. [Join the Friends today!](#)

CONTACT FRIENDS' OFFICE

You can email the Friends: kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org, call 020 7367 3724 or post to:

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

A RETREAT ON THE ISLE OF IONA

MONDAY 7 – SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Dean will be leading a retreat on Iona this September entitled: '**Astonished by Love: with poetry as our guide**'. The retreat is shaped by four human themes - love of creation, love of justice, love of God, and love of love. We will encounter classic poets such as Hafiz, John Donne, George Herbert, W. H. Auden, Emily Dickinson, R. S. Thomas and Seamus Heaney, and be introduced to more contemporary ones such as Raymond Antrobus, Jen Hadfield, Kei Miller, Zaffar Kunial and Carol Ann Duffy. No prior knowledge of poems or poets is required.

For more information:

<https://www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk/groups-retreats/mark-oakley>

GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL

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

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

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

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL PODCAST

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

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

PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

We have good news! A Summer Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday 21 June in the Cathedral churchyard after the 11.00am service, and everyone is invited. Please put the date in your diary, and we look forward to sharing with you all the practical arrangements in the weeks ahead.

PRAYING FOR THE NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Bishop Christopher sadly retires later this summer and work is now underway to begin the discernment process for the appointment of a bishop to succeed him and to build on all that Bishop Christopher has achieved.

Please join in the Diocese's prayer over the coming weeks and months:

**God of all times and places,
send us a Bishop who will lead us faithfully
through days of rejoicing
and nights of challenge,
with prayer and Scripture,
with love and laughter,
with bread and wine.
Send your Holy Spirit
to guide those entrusted with this process.
May they recognise the person of your choice,
with ears that are open
and hearts that are wise.
Make us thankful for all that has gone before,
ready and hopeful for all that lies ahead,
led by a Bishop whose ministry is a blessing
to everyone in Southwark Diocese,
as we hear the good news of Jesus
and delight in the love of God.
Amen.**

USING A DEVICE TO READ THE SERVICE SHEET

As you came into church, one of our stewards will have asked you if you wanted to take the service sheet on your phone. By reading the service sheet in this way you are helping us each week reduce our paper use and our printing costs. Thank you for playing your part. Every copy we don't have to print saves us a couple of pounds and also helps us become more sustainable by using less paper. We will always have paper copies for those who prefer it, but if you can think about switching to using your device, we would be grateful.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

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

RIVERS OF LIFE FESTIVAL: BATTERSEA TO BANKSIDE

UNTIL FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

This is a festival of reflection, art and community, exploring the importance of rivers as images of spirit in Christianity and in other traditions. It's a collaborative festival that connects a range of churches along the Thames, from Battersea to Bankside. A diverse programme of events celebrates water in different ways, through worship, creative workshops, exhibitions, seminars and interfaith dialogue. More details at www.riversoflife.london

READERS, INTERCESSORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thank you – to all those who read or led intercessions, or acted as Eucharistic ministers during Holy Week and Easter. We are really grateful for your ministry – an important part of our worship here at Southwark.

We'd like, though, to be sure that our lists reflect those who actually want to continue in role – and to discover whether there are others out there who would be interested in taking up a new ministry. So if you're serving in any of these roles, please let us know whether you'd like to continue, take on something more, or step back by emailing rsvp@southwark.anglican.org

If we don't hear from you by Sunday 17 May, we'll assume you'd prefer to be taken off the list for now. A simple "happy to continue as is" will suffice.

If you're interested in trying a new role, please copy in Canon Kathryn – some roles involve training, and we'll be glad to support you.

kathryn.fleming@southwark.anglican.org

This update helps us to include everyone who would like to be involved, keep our list of ministers up to date and ensures the appropriate safeguarding is in place. Thank you once again for all that you do.

GIFT AID ON CONTACTLESS

During the collection, our stewards will have offered you a basket or a contactless device. If you gave your collection by contactless, did you know that you can gift aid your donation? To gift aid your donations simply donate one week on the fixed giving points as you came in, perhaps make a small donation one of these devices and it will ask you to enter your details for gift aid and the system will automatically apply gift aid on any future donation with the same card.

FAREWELL TO JAMES GOUGH

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

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION 10 MAY

Thank you very much to all for your generosity last Sunday. The figure collected for Christian Aid at the moment stands at £1447.00 and further donations would be very welcome. I would like to thank Bread Ahead for their donation of trays of pastries which were a great encouragement.

Linda Hutchinson

SOUTHWARK VISIT TO BERGEN

A group from Southwark had a wonderful three days with our sister Cathedral in Bergen, Norway last week. We spent time with our friends there praying, discussing our links and enjoying fantastic Norwegian hospitality (and rain!). There will be a short article soon on the website and e-newsletter giving a flavour of our time together.

SAVE THE DATE: PRIDE IN LONDON MARCH 2026

Once again the Cathedral will be taking part in the Pride in London March on Saturday 4 July. Details to follow in due course. We have 50 wristbands so please contact michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org to reserve yours. First come, first served!

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

FILM SCREENING, SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 4.15PM

To mark the Great Big Green Week (6-14 June), we will be hosting a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*, a 50-minute film presenting the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis, featuring expert interviews, celebrity reactions, and insights into impacts on food, cost of living, health, and extreme weather. This will take place in the library and the Bishop of Kingston, The Rt Rev'd Martin Gainsborough, will lead a discussion after the film. Choral Evensong will be at 3.00pm with an environmental theme.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

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

ORGAN MEDITATION FOR THE ASCENSION

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026, 4.30PM

Join Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor and Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist for a special meditation on the Ascension of our Lord. This will take place today at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Lasting around 45 minutes, it will feature Olivier Messiaen's iconic *L'Ascension* paired with beautiful poetry selected by Canon Kathryn.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2026

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

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

◆ PRAYER LIST ◆

THE SICK

Christopher KD, Dee Dee HS, Franki G, Caroline C, Frances G, Santou BC, Anna S, Justine M, Andy B, Sarah M, John O, Joan M, Augustus B, Cyril B, Andrew C, Judy, Julie A, Jack C, Madeleine L, Rob B, Jean P, Pam M, Shireen, Dinah K, Sarah R, Sally P, Sam J, Elizabeth H, Paul de F

THE DEPARTED

Margaret Addison, Margaret Clarke, Rosemary Dawson, Henrietta Ewart, Richard Harries, Paula Roche, Norman King, Lois King, George Nicholson.

YEAR'S MIND

Ben Carrol, Rodney Dunne, William Davidson, Peter Wilcock, Iris De La Cruz, Stephen Daniel Reeves