

SOUTHWARK

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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 4 August 2019

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral.

We are a community that seeks to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so.

Communicant members of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion at this service; please come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like a blessing, please bring the service booklet with you.

Participation. If you have been a regular at the Cathedral for six months or more, please ensure that your name is added to the Cathedral Electoral Roll – ask Stewards for details or email cathedral@southwark.anglican.org

Giving. Regular worshippers are asked to join the Planned Giving Scheme by setting up a bankers order. This greatly helps the Cathedral with financial planning. A form is available from the Stewards.

Visitors are asked to use the yellow envelope for their offering towards the work and worship of the Cathedral. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the details on the envelope to enable us to claim back the tax as Gift Aid.

We are now able to receive your offering using a debit or credit card, Apple or Android Pay. If you would like to use this please see a Cathedral Warden, Linda or Daniel, near the doors to the Link after the service. They have a sign saying 'Contactless Offering'.

You can also donate to the Cathedral by texting SWKC19£amount you wish to give to 70070

Children and young people during the 11.00am Eucharist.

Accompanied under-4s: Crèche with play mats, toys, songs and stories in the Education Centre.

Reception class to Year 2: JuniorXpress 1 and 2 and YouthXpress are on holiday until September.

Following the Choral Eucharist tea and coffee are served.

E Newsletter. Sign up on our website to receive the latest news from the Cathedral. Your details will only be used by Southwark Cathedral and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Listen up!

Sermons delivered in the Cathedral are available as text from southwarkcathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/worship/sermons/, together with a pdf of this weekly sheet. They can also be downloaded from iTunes by searching for Southwark Cathedral Sermons.

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

Cathedral Listeners

Two people are available every week in the Retrochoir after the 11am Choral Eucharist, to offer a confidential listening ear in a friendly and informal environment. This is an opportunity for pastoral care rather than counselling.

They can be identified by a blue ribbon and Cathedral badge and will be available for 45 minutes after the service. Everyone is welcome to use this service and to make it known to others.

Today's Services

8.30am Morning Prayer – Southwark Cathedral

Officiant Canon Leanne Roberts, Treasurer

Readings Psalm 106. 1–10; Maccabees 3. 1–12; 2 Peter 1. 1–15

9.00am Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

Preacher Canon Leanne Roberts, Treasurer

Readings Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12–14; 2. 18–23; Colossians 3. 1–11; Luke 12. 13–21

9.30am Eucharist – St Hugh's

Preacher The Reverend David Adamson, Curate

11.00am Choral Eucharist – Southwark Cathedral

President Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

Preacher Canon Leanne Roberts, Treasurer

Choir St Nicholas Singers, Blundellsands

Setting Festive Service · Noel Rawsthorne

Stand **Entrance Hymn**

NEH 263

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
 Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
 O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show;

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

St Francis of Assisi
Translated by William Draper

Sit

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12–14; 2. 18–23

Read by Kristin Ruby.

A reading from the book of the Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

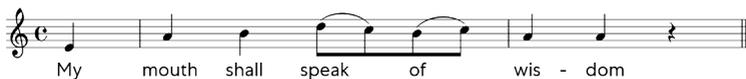
This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 49. 1–9

*At the beginning the response is played by the organist, sung by the choir and then sung by the congregation. It is sung once by all at **R** below.*



Hear this all you peoples;
listen all you that dwell in the world,
You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together. **R**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **R**

Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,
Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their riches? **R**

For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance.
To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,
So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 3. 1–11

Read by Caroline Clifford, Reader.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer

Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Sentence

Do not worry about tomorrow;
for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Gospel

Luke 12. 13–21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 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.'

Sit **Sermon**

Canon Leanne Roberts, Treasurer

Chorale Prelude

Sit **Intercessions**

Led by Linda Ridgers-Waite.

Communion Anthem

If ye love me · Thomas Tallis

Stand **Offertory Hymn**

NEH 295

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Liturgy of St James
Tr Gerald Moultrie

Stand **Eucharistic Prayer**
Prayer B

Communion Anthem
Ave Maria · Philip Stopford

Stand **Final Hymn**
SP 254 (tune *Paderborn* NEH 476)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
 for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
 and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
 the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
 and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
 believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
 our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

Choir St Nicholas Singers, Blundellsands

Readings Genesis 50. 4–26; 1 Corinthians 14. 1–19

Setting in D · Herbert Brewer

Responses William Smith

Psalm 107. 1–21

Hymns NEH 138; CP 418 (tune *Abbot's Leigh* NEH 185)

Anthems Day by day · Norman Warren

With a voice of singing · Martin Shaw

Hymns

NEH 138

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

John Cosin

Hymn

CP 418 (tune *Abbot's Leigh* 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 children, 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.

Stewart Cross

6.00pm Traditional Rite Eucharist

See separate booklet.

Prayers

All those for whom prayers have been asked this week

Ada Wilson-Jones, Alan Horne, Alex Whindle, Alison, Andrew McCall, Angie Brown, Brenda Bartlett, Brian Kendall, Christine Jenkins, Christine Vandy, Dinah Kormi, Elisabeth Dunman, Elizabeth Clark, Elizabeth Hall, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Waters, Eunice Ruwona, Ian Ford, Jan, Jean Terrieux, Jennifer Barter, Jennifer Waldron, Joan Lawrence, John Noble, Kate Wills, Kay Grimshaw, Lascalles Alexander, Linda Scott Garnett, Maggie Danby, Michael Wojteczko, Naomi Shaw, Nathan Clegg, Norah Shapton, Patricia Nebbia, Robert McConnell, Sally Hollowell, Sarah Beston, Sarah Rawlins, Si Foster.

The Departed

Althea King, Angela Cockett, Fred Hazell, Leslie Collins, Stephen Gutteridge.

Masvingo

Please keep in your prayers the Dean who with Bishop Christopher and Canon Wendy Robins is currently visiting the people of the Diocese of Masvingo.

Our Mission Allocation Partners for August

Church Army

The Church Army's vision is for everyone, everywhere to encounter God's love and be empowered to transform their communities through faith in shared words and action.

XLP

XLP is working to create positive futures for young people living in inner cities and to make a serious and sustainable impact upon poverty and educational failure.

More information and the latest news from our mission allocation partners: southwarkcathedral.org.uk/community/Mission-allocation

If you are ill or in hospital

Please do let us know so the Cathedral community can pray for you and we can be in touch. Please contact the Sub Dean, michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

Today

Welcome

to the St Nicholas Singers, Blundellsands, who are singing today's Choral Eucharist, Choral Evensong and Traditional Rite Eucharist.

This Week's Services

Monday to Friday

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Eucharist
12.30pm Middyday Prayer
12.45pm Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Until Friday 30 August Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong from Monday to Friday take place at 4.00pm. Please do come and join us.

Saturday 10 August

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.15am Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 11 August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Eucharist

Preacher: Canon
Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Canon
Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

3.00pm Choral Evensong

Preacher: Canon Jay Colwill, Missioner

6.00pm Service of Light

Things to do this week

Future Events and Services

London Festival of Architecture: Angela Wright's 'Garden Cocoon Space'

Installation in the Herb Garden,
until 31 August

The art installation encloses objects that will facilitate discussion of the experience of memory. For Angela it will be a return to childhood when the garden shed housed a wind-up record player and in the distinctive smell of wood and sunshine Angela shared special children's conversations.

On the week-ends of 17–18 and 24–25 August between 11.00am and 4.00pm the artist will be on duty by her installation. Angela, with the Welcomers and Day Chaplains on these days, will have supplies of cream ribbons. Please take a free ribbon and use this opportunity to tie it into the frame of the Cocoon. This will reflect a strong tradition in other places around the world where ribbons are used to represent prayers. Closing Prayers following this will be said by the Dean on 31 August at 12 noon to which everyone is invited to join. Angela will be with us earlier on that day (10.00 am) for those who would like the chance to tie a ribbon on the Cocoon ahead of the closing ceremony.

Further information:
angelawright.co.uk;
londonfestivalofarchitecture.org/event/garden-cocoon-space/

Saturday 17 August
3.15pm

Organ Recital at St Dunstan's Bellingham

Francisco Cro Ramos, who is studying at Trinity Laban, will be debuting a brand new piece written for organ and synthesiser.

The recital which is part of a wider day of community cohesion activities (Bellingham #Together) which the local community charity and police have organised following the awful murder of a teenage boy in Bellingham last December. Please give your support to the people of Bellingham.

Wednesday 21 August
7.00pm

Shameless – Book Presentation by Nadia Bolz-Weber

We are excited to announce that Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber will be joining us to speak about her latest publication *Shameless – A Sexual Reformation*, a New York Times Bestseller. Raw, intimate, and timely, Nadia Bolz-Weber's latest book offers an overhaul of our harmful and antiquated ideas about sex, gender, and our bodies. This is by far her most personal book yet, revealing intimate and emotional details about her life while offering a reading experience that is as entertaining and affirming as it is

intellectually robust and liberating. For anyone who has been harmed by the shaming sexual messages so prevalent in religion, this book is for you.

This event is expected to be very popular and we recommend purchasing tickets early if you wish to attend. Tickets are available from Eventbrite or the Cathedral Shop.

Thursday 12 September

The 25th Anniversary Celebrations of The Society of Catholic Priests

You are warmly invited to join in the celebrations at the Cathedral. SCP was established in the Diocese of Southwark in 1994 to support women and men in priestly orders.

12.00pm

Concelebrated Eucharist

Preacher: The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell

3.00pm

Service of Recommitment and Renewal

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jennifer Cooper

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 November

Winter Retreat – An Air of Glory: following Christ in the dark

Following our sessions during Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Eastertide, we are offering a weekend retreat at Wychcroft for members of the Cathedral community. There will be time for socialising on Friday evening, and after our Eucharist on Sunday morning; Saturday will be spent largely in quiet reflection punctuated by worship and addresses. There will be the usual resources of scripture, poetry, art, music, and theology. All are welcome, regardless of whether you have attended any of the previous sessions or not. If interested, please register as soon as possible as places will be limited.

Tickets: £140 pp (includes single bedroom and full board, plus all retreat resources)

Further information: leanne.roberts@southwark.anglican.org

General Notices

A message from Peter Wright

Thank you. It is impossible to find words adequate to express my immense gratitude for the magnificent and heart-warming send-off I received last Sunday, and for your most generous gift, which I shall use to buy something special for my new home in Mill Hill. It has been the most enormous privilege and joy to serve the Cathedral as Organist and Director of Music for the past 30 years. The love and support I have received during that time has meant so much to me and of course I have greatly enjoyed, and shall continue to enjoy, the close friendships I have made with so many at Southwark.

Southwark Cathedral will always have a special place in my heart and I shall enjoy watching the music develop and move into the next stage of its life under the direction of Ian Keatley. I shall not be far away, and am still an Honorary Lay Canon, so look forward to returning from time to time.

Meanwhile, renewed thanks, love and all good wishes

Peter Wright

The Merbecke Choir in support of Accomplish Children's Trust

Members of the Merbecke Choir, Southwark Cathedral's chamber choir of young adults, will be attempting Ride London 46 miles in aid of Accomplish Children's Trust on 4 August. Accomplish supports a variety of projects addressing education, medical care, and income generation for children with disabilities and their families in Uganda and Malawi.

You can donate here:

accomplishchildrenstrust.charitycheckout.co.uk/cf/Team-Accomplish-Ride-London (just type in Team-Accomplish-Ride-London to google!)

Further information:
[@AccomplishTrust](https://accomplishtrust.org.uk)
jessieacton@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

Give your views to Southwark Council

Southwark Council is trying to improve its communication as a landlord with its tenants and would like your views at southwark.gov.uk/residentinvolvement

Service of Light 6.00pm (every second Sunday of the month)

A small music group leads the hymns and songs at this service which draws on liturgy and music from either the Taizé or Iona communities. If you are a singer or play an orchestral instrument and would like to join this group you would be most welcome. We meet on the day to practise at 5.00pm and the music is circulated a week beforehand. Please contact Rachel Young for more information (Rachel.young@southwark.anglican.org).

Southwark Cathedral Mission Allocation (of collections made in 2018) Report

Each year the Chapter gives 10% of the planned giving that we receive from the Cathedral congregation to those groups, charities and projects that are recommended to us by the congregation or who approach us directly for help. The Mission Allocation Group seeks a good balance amongst those we support and use the 'Five Marks of Mission' as a guide to help with this.

The allocation from last year was £27,690; 10% has been kept in reserve to enable us to respond to emergency appeals.

The balance allocated is £24,921 which is being distributed in nine shares worth £2,769 each to the the following charities:

Manna Society

Support in Southwark for homeless people; links with the Robes Project.

USPG

United Society – Partners in the Gospel: an Anglican mission society supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they share.

Church Army

The Church Army's vision is for everyone, everywhere to encounter God's love and be empowered to transform their communities through faith in shared words and action.

XLP

XLP is working to create positive futures for young people living in inner cities and to make a serious and sustainable impact upon poverty and educational failure.

Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal

The Hospital provides compassionate, high quality, preventative, curative and rehabilitative health care.

African Prison Project

The Charity's vision is to empower changemakers within prisons – prisoners and prisoner staff – who will use the law to bring justice to some of the world's most vulnerable, through the Justice Changemaker programme.

Ascension Trust

Ascension Trust is a Christian inter-denominational organisation with

a passion to empower individuals to work together with their local community and nation – to contribute positively to society and to improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Eco Church

The charity provides a free online survey and supporting resources which are designed to equip churches to express care for God's world through worship and teaching; in how buildings and land are looked after; engaging with the local community and in global campaigns and in the personal lifestyles of their congregations. Southwark Cathedral is working for an Eco Church silver award at present. This charity was nominated by Marion Marples as a cause that was very dear to her.

Joliba Trust

The Joliba Trust works among rural villages in Mali with the aim of sustaining and improving rural livelihoods, and thereby reducing hunger and malnutrition in one of the toughest environments in the world.

Additional Allocation (Backlog)

Subsequent to the allocation being made as above, the Cathedral Accountant informed the Chair (Canon Precentor) that there existed a sum of money still unallocated from the period 2007–2015, amounting to £7,014.52.

The Mission Allocation Group, therefore, divided the sum into three roughly equal parts and revisited the

nominated charities from this year. The additional allocation is as follows:

Society of St Francis – £2,338.17

The Hilfield Community seek to nurture and share the Franciscan values of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. They offer hospitality to people of different faiths and no acknowledged faith and work for a more gentle and respectful care for the earth.

Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) – £2,338.17

HAU provides a comprehensive medical, psychosocial and spiritual service to Ugandan communities in Kampala, Mbarara and Hoima. It has also founded an educational institute teaching palliative care for sub-Saharan Africa.

Power the Fight – £2,338.18

Power the Fight's key aims are to educate, equip, engage and enable Church and Community Groups to be part of the solution to youth violence.

Masvingo Support Group

Please continue to pray for our friends in Masvingo Diocese. Bishop Christopher, the Dean and Canon Wendy Robins are now in Zimbabwe. We pray that it will be a time of blessing for both sides of the partnership.

The supply of food and fuel has further diminished and obtaining cash has become yet more difficult.

Please join us using this prayer, written by the Dean:

'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'
– Deuteronomy 33. 27

*Loving God,
just and gentle ruler,
hold in your care our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe
at this time of political uncertainty,
at this time of national crisis.
Bring light out of the darkness,
hope out of the fear
and your peace which leads to life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Waterloo Foodbank

is in need of donations this week! Please bring any of the following and leave with vergers or in the shop: cans of fish or tinned meats; boxes of cereal or porridge oats, UHT milk or juices, cans of soup or baked beans, instant rice or noodles, and instant coffee.

We are also seeking 1–2 volunteers for some Monday sessions of the Waterloo Foodbank, which Southwark Cathedral manages (9.30–11.30am at St George the Martyr in Borough). Interested? Please contact Alice Deschampsneufs or Kristin Ruby at aliced@btinternet.com and KLRuby2006@yahoo.com.

Welcome 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. 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.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.