

Transforming the lives of those affected by leprosy

For too long leprosy has been a forgotten disease here in the UK. Having disappeared in the Middle Ages, it has been a case of 'out of sight; out of mind'. Yet every two minutes, a person is diagnosed with leprosy. The Leprosy Mission (TLM) has not forgotten those who live daily with the effects of this devastating disease – which is still a problem in many countries around the world.

Leprosy is a bacterial disease causing nerve damage, which can result in permanent disability. There is a simple cure – multi-drug therapy – and if caught early enough, there is less likely to be lasting damage. Stigma, however, is still the main problem. TLM is fighting this on every front and advocates on behalf of those with leprosy to tackle the poverty, rejection and exclusion from society that comes as a result of their illness, upholding their dignity and human rights.

The project benefiting from the proceeds of the Festival of Flowers will be the Champa Vocational Training Centre in Chhattisgarh, India. Champa is one of TLM's six Vocational Training Centres in India. Each year, 3,000 young people affected by leprosy are taught the skills to earn a living, rather than beg for one, helping to transform lives and restore dignity.



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How to get there



Southwark Cathedral, SE1 9DA, is located just off Borough High Street with easy access for the City of London, West End and South Bank.

Main line stations

London Bridge: South Eastern, Southern and Thameslink: 5 minutes' walk

Underground

London Bridge: Jubilee line and Northern line (City branch) London Bridge: 5 minutes' walk

Buses

17, 21, 35, 40, 43, 47, 48, 133, 149, 501, 521, D1, RV1
Borough High Street: 21, 35, 40, 133

Parking NCP Car Park Snowfield: 7 minutes away

In addition, there are a limited number of parking meters along Southwark Street

Disabled access The cathedral is accessible to disabled visitors. A number of wheelchairs will be available to use.

Refreshments Delicious cakes, lunches and deli items available in the Cathedral Refectory (fully licensed) throughout the Festival.



www.tlmfestivalofflowers.org.uk

Creating a living gallery

Mig Kimpton, Artistic Director of our Festival of Flowers, has assembled over 75 designers from the UK and Europe to create a journey through the cathedral with colour, light, fragrance and fantastic floral design.

He aims to create an amazing living art gallery in one of London's most beautiful cathedrals.

The event will also raise money for The Leprosy Mission, transforming lives for a world without leprosy.



Transformation... London transformed by the Olympic dream and a flower festival to mark this unique moment in time.

Transformation... showcasing the wide-ranging and global work of The Leprosy Mission in transforming lives.

Transformation... including all members of the floral community – from European floral designers to church flower arrangers, florists and members from the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies in a festival designed to celebrate both their creativity and the best of classical and contemporary floral design.

Transformation... a festival that will respect the architecture and artefacts of Southwark Cathedral and in doing so beautifully enhance its magnificence, its setting and its spirituality.



Opening times and tickets

Thursday 23rd August

10am – 7pm Last admission 6pm

Friday 24th August

10am – 9pm Last admission 8pm

Saturday 25th August

10am – 6pm Last admission 5pm

Sunday 26th August

1pm – 5.30pm Last admission 4.30pm

6.30pm Festival of Praise

Tickets

Adults: £14.00 Under 15s: Free

Groups of 10 or more: £11.00 each

For all bookings:

- Call The Leprosy Mission on 01733 370505
 - Visit www.tlmfestivalofflowers.org.uk
- Coach parties must reserve a drop-off slot by telephoning 01733 370505.

Festival Mini Demonstrations

Join some of the designers for mini demonstrations in the Queen Elizabeth Room at 11am and 2pm each day. Tickets are available on the day and can be collected from the information desk at no charge.

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Festival partners:

