



SOUTHWARK CHARITIES - EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SUMMER AND WINTER 2026



**SOUTHWARK
CHARITIES**
UNITED TO SERVE



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2026.

Based on your feedback from the wellbeing survey, we have planned a wide range of activities, trips and experiences, including our popular seaside and theatre visits.

This programme now includes more details about each trip, including transport, accessibility and locations.

Places are limited for all events. We will do our best to make sure everyone has a chance to attend. If more people apply than there are spaces, we will use a ballot system.

As demand is high, please only sign up for events you are genuinely interested in and able to attend independently.

We are currently updating our carers policy. If you have a carer or need support, please let us know on your form or contact me or Lottie directly.

For theatre trips, you will need to arrange your own transport unless coach travel is specifically included. Theatres are usually easy to reach by bus, but please only apply if you are confident travelling on your own.

To express your interest in any events or trips, please complete and return the form in the stamped addressed envelope enclosed. Please keep a copy of your request.

We will contact you to let you know if you have been allocated a place.

Best wishes,

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KARAOKE NIGHT - ORGANOKE



SUNDAY 21ST JUNE - 6.30PM-10.30PM

WHERE

St Giles Church, Camberwell Church Rd, SE5 8RB.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Entry to the event only. You will need to buy your own refreshments.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The venue is fully accessible. They encourage you arriving when the space opens to get a good seat. There is a pay bar and catering on site. You cannot take your own food and drink into the venue. Bag checks are in place. The pay bar is cashless. You will need to travel to and from the venue yourself.

ABOUT THE EVENT

This event has a bit of a cult following in Camberwell circles. If you like live music and karaoke, this is the event for you. The wonderful nave of St Gile's church hosts a full band and organist playing pop songs that you have the chance to sing & dance along to. Some lucky people even get chosen to perform solo as the singers are all picked by lottery.

MUSIC EVENT THEATRE TRIP DAY TRIP FOOD DRINKS FILM



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIA - A CELEBRATION



FRIDAY 10TH JULY, 8PM-10.30PM

WHERE

Royal Festival Hall, on the Southbank.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your ticket to the event and an interval drink or ice cream.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You will need to find your own way to the venue and home again. This is an evening event. The venue is fully accessible

ABOUT THE EVENT

A revolutionary force in British culture, Zephaniah took poetry to the streets, infusing it with reggae rhythms and the urgency of social activism. This celebration is hosted by Lemn Sissay, the BAFTA-nominated poet and broadcaster.

He is joined by a line-up of Zephaniah's artistic admirers and collaborators, who reflect on his enduring influence through readings and personal tributes.

The event is a celebration of Zephaniah's radical spirit, which still sits at the heart of our cultural life, and his legacy, which reminds us all that poetry belongs to everyone.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE - TOUR OF HOUSE AND GARDENS



MONDAY 13TH JULY, 1PM-3.30PM

WHERE

Buckingham Palace.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

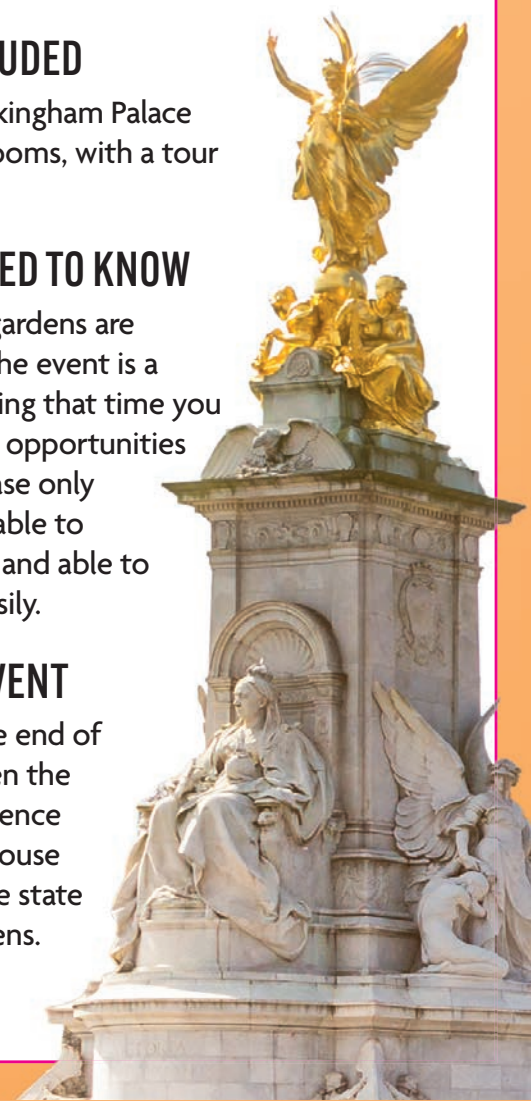
Entrance to Buckingham Palace and the State Rooms, with a tour of the gardens.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The house and gardens are accessible, but the event is a guided tour, during that time you will have limited opportunities to sit down. Please only book if you are able to remain standing and able to walk unaided easily.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The house at the end of the Mall has been the main Royal residence since 1837. The house tour includes the state rooms and gardens.



SUMMER PARTY - WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 1PM-4PM

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PAINSHILL - DAY TRIP



TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST
LEAVE AT 9.30AM FOR ALL DAY TRIP

WHERE

Painshill, Surrey.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your return travel from the Old Kent Road and a catered lunch.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The coach journey will take approximately 1.5 hours each way. Bring your own drinks and snacks for the journey. The coach picks up and drops off on the Old Kent Rd near East St.

Painshill is set in over 150 acres of land so there can be a lot of walking involved. There are accessible routes that are suitable for those with walkers and plenty of benches for you to rest and take in the scenery throughout the day.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Painshill is an award-winning 18th century landscape garden where you are invited to walk around a work of art. Winding paths will take you on a journey to discover a living canvas with beautiful vistas and dramatically placed garden buildings.

Stroll around the Serpentine Lake, wander through woodland and promenade past follies, including the Ruined Abbey, Gothic Temple, Turkish tent and enchanting Crystal Grotto.



EASTBOURNE - COACH TRIP



THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST -
MEET AT 9.30AM FOR ALL DAY TRIP

WHERE

East Sussex.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your return travel from the Old Kent Road, and £20 spending money for a day at the seaside.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The coach journey will take approximately 2 hours each way. Bring your own drinks and snacks for the journey. The coach picks up and drops off on the Old Kent Rd near East St.

ABOUT EASTBOURNE

Eastbourne is a popular **seaside resort** with a wide range of attractions:

- **Seafront and Pier:** A three-mile palm-lined promenade, Victorian pier, and art-deco Bandstand hosting concerts and events.
- The **Towner Gallery** and Ravilious Gallery showcase contemporary and historical art, while theatres offer live performances.
- **Natural Landmarks:** **Beachy Head cliffs**, the **Seven Sisters**, and the South Downs provide hiking, paragliding, and panoramic views.



SECRET CINEMA - IMMERSIVE GREASE, EVOLUTION



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - 2.30PM

WHERE

The event is in a specially built arena in Battersea Park.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your ticket entry & £20 towards food and drink or transport costs that will be given on arrival at the venue. Please note the venue is cash free so you will need a debit card. You will not be able to take your own refreshments. Bag checks will be in operation.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The event is seated but the venue is in a large arena and at least a 15 minute walk to the nearest public transport. Our seats are up 15 steps inside the arena.

ABOUT THE EVENT

This is an award winning immersive theatrical experience. You enter the world of the film Grease where cinema and stage become one celebration. There is live music, a fairground and American diner-inspired food and drink available. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1950's clothes or as characters from the film. Ohhh those Summer nights!

You will need to manage your own transport to and from the venue.



TRANSPORT MUSEUM, COVENT GARDEN & LUNCH



TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER - 12PM

WHERE

Covent Garden.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

A 2 course lunch and your entry to the Transport Museum exhibition

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You will need to make your own way to the meeting place in Covent Garden, which is to be confirmed. You will need to pre-order your lunch choices with us and confirm if you have any allergies. There will be some walking between the restaurant and museum that is fully accessible.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Discover the history of London's transport and uncover the stories of those who have travelled and worked in London over the past 200 years. Explore the Capital's heritage and see how technology is shaping the future.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER,
11.30AM OR 1.30PM

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THE STORY - THE NATIONAL THEATRE



WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER - 2.30PM

WHERE

The Olivier Theatre, National Theatre, Southbank.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your theatre seats and an interval ice cream.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The theatre is fully accessible. The seats are at the back of the stalls with only a few steps.

ABOUT THE SHOW

This is a new play based on an award-winning novel. The synopsis is about what happens when a white teacher is killed in a black neighbourhood and four journalists race to get the headline at any cost. Shocking new evidence pulls them into the dark heart of the case, and they are each forced to confront what they're prepared to risk to tell their version of the truth. Gripping and adrenaline-fuelled, Tracey Scott Wilson's seminal newsroom thriller is directed by Clint Dyer. This is a serious play without music, for committed theatre fans.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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WINE TASTING WORKSHOP



TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER - 3PM-5PM

WHERE

St Mary Newington Close (Southwark Charities Headquarters), Surrey Square. SE17 2LP.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Taste and learn about 6 wines paired with 6 wonderful cheeses.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The event will be held at Southwark Charities headquarters just off the Old Kent Road. The event will last 2 hours.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Do you know your Merlot from your Malbec? A sommelier from Crystal Palace Wines will be coming to talk us through 6 wines from around the world each paired with a cheese.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER -
SAVE THE DATE**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 2PM

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL & LUNCH - THEATRE TRIP



TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER FROM 12PM

WHERE

The Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

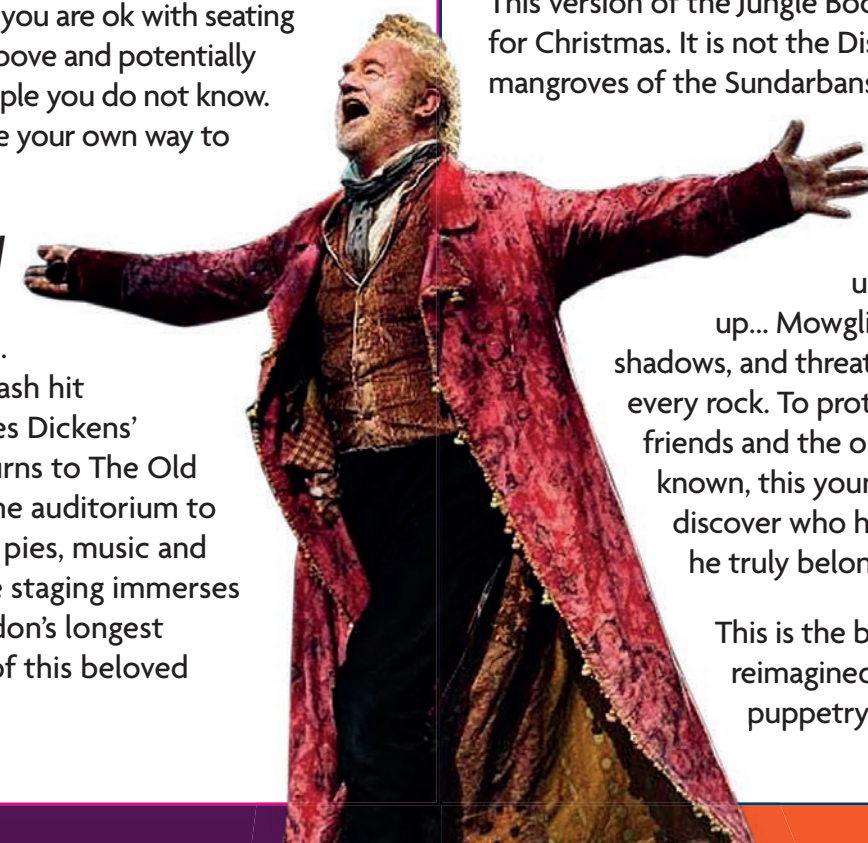
We will be taking you for a 2-course lunch before the matinee performance of A Christmas Carol.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

All the theatre seats are 2 flights of stairs up. Due to us needing a group booking within a particular price point we have not been able to secure ground floor or accessible seats. We cannot guarantee you will be able to sit next to anyone you know. Please only book for this event if you are ok with seating on the first floor or above and potentially having to sit with people you do not know. You will need to make your own way to the event.

ABOUT THE SHOW

A Christmas Carol, is the story of Scrooge. This big-hearted, smash hit production of Charles Dickens' immortal classic returns to The Old Vic. The show fills the auditorium to the brim with mince pies, music and merriment. A unique staging immerses the audience in London's longest running adaptation of this beloved festive favourite.



A JUNGLE BOOK - THE NATIONAL THEATRE



**WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2027,
1.30PM**

WHERE

The National Theatre, Southbank.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Your ticket to see the show and an interval ice cream.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The theatre is fully accessible. The seats are at the back of the stalls with only a few steps.

ABOUT THE EVENT

This version of the Jungle Book is the family show for Christmas. It is not the Disney version. In the mangroves of the Sundarbans, wolves howl, birds

soar and tigers roar. At the heart of this wild and vibrant kingdom, an unlikely child is growing

up... Mowgli. Danger stalks the shadows, and threats lie hidden beneath every rock. To protect his family, his friends and the only home he has ever known, this young hero must first discover who he really is and where he truly belongs.

This is the beloved tale reimagined with innovative puppetry.

**PRE-BOOKING
FOR JANUARY**

SPECIAL EVENTS



SUMMER PARTY



WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 1PM -4PM

Due to high demand, this is ticketed as we have limited space.

We are holding a waiting list and will try and accommodate as many people as possible.

If you have been selected for the event, we have included your ticket in this mail out. Please let us know if you can no longer make it.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



**FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 11.30AM OR 1.30PM
(2 SITTINGS OF 1 HOUR EACH)**

There will be limited tickets to join us at St Mary's as part of our annual fundraiser in support of MacMillan Cancer. All proceeds go the cause. For a minimum donation of £15 you can expect unlimited tea or coffee, a cake, scone and sandwich.



**Diwali
Celebration**

LUNCH



WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Your chance to continue with Diwali celebrations by joining us for a curry.
Venue to be confirmed – Food and Entertainment from 1pm-3.30pm.



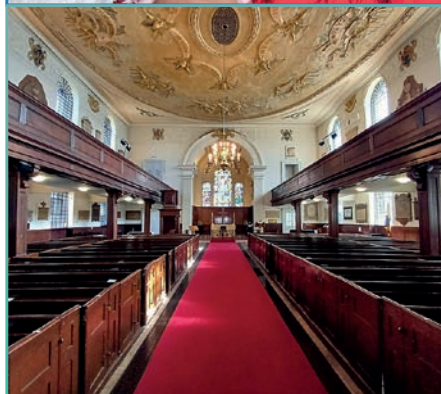
CHRISTMAS LUNCH



WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER - SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Christmas Lunch will include a festive meal and entertainment.

Venue and times to be confirmed. Booking will be essential.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST GEORGE THE MARTYR



THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2026 AT 2PM

Our friends at St George the Martyr are hosting a carol concert.
Join us for mince pies and mulled wine. Open to all.