



**MEDIA STATEMENT
Monday 17 October 2011**

The Dean & Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral issued the following statement this morning (Monday 17th October):

“Services at St Paul’s Cathedral were able to take place as normal this weekend but the last few days have not been without various challenges. Our chief concern is that St Paul’s be allowed to operate as normally as possible and for all people to be respectful of this need.

Public safety has been a major concern. We have been in constant touch with the police and community leaders. As the City of London returns to work this morning we are monitoring the situation carefully.

On Sunday the protestors did reduce their presence on the landing and steps of the West Doors enough to allow people to come in to worship throughout the day.

It is also now important that the thousands of visitors wishing to visit the cathedral and to enjoy our hospitality this week are able to do so freely and that the daily life of St Paul’s Cathedral can continue without serious interruption.”

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