

## St Lawrence Jewry February 2015

### Newsletter

*St Lawrence Jewry is the church on Guildhall Yard, dedicated to bringing the light of Christ to the City of London.*

#### **Dear Friends,**

“And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another.”

(2 John 1:15)

Apologies for not sending you a January newsletter. We had a very busy December and then January hit us with building works and Arnel was away on leave. Luckily, aside from our regular weekly services and lunchtime recitals, we only had Plow Monday Service as a special event for that month.

#### **Offices and Toilets Redecoration**

Our church offices and toilets were redecorated last January. Electrical works have also been done with additional plugs and new lighting installed. Water heaters were also installed in both our toilets to provide hot water to the community.

#### **Waitangi Day Service**

The New Zealand Society UK once again held their Waitangi Day Service in the church last Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Waitangi Day is a public holiday in New Zealand held each year on 6 February to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document, on that date in 1840. It was a moving service. Even the High Commissioner's wife was moved into tears. After the service they were treated to the traditional hospitality of Girdlers Hall. To get a glimpse of what transpired in the service, please watch this [news clip](#) from New Zealand News.

#### **Important Notice**

From time to time we are impacted by other events in the City of London. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March there is to be a service in St Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the end of the country's military involvement in Afghanistan. This will be followed by a large reception in Guildhall. There will be a military parade between the two venues and the police have notified us that they will need to set up their security cordon around Guildhall to include the church. As a result we will be closed on that day and will not be having our usual Friday Holy Communion Service. Please note the closure date if you are a regular.

#### **Diocesan Art Competition**

The Diocese of London recently held an art competition. Artists were invited to submit work and six winning pieces will be displayed for 12 months in the Diocesan office. Our resident artist Sue Parrott was one of the six winners. Many congratulations to her.



## Music

We welcome the Six Form Series this month of February, presenting some of the country's finest school-age organists. We thank Rob Miller for partly funding the travel expenses of our student organists. You can also check out our recital programmes on our website. Please visit our [Piano, Organ](#) and/or [Sixth Form Series 2015](#) webpages for the complete listing.

## Services each week

Our weekly services continue as usual. Holy Communion at 8.30am on Wednesday and 1.15pm on Friday. Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## A Course for Lent 2015

We are hosting this year's Bank Churches Lent Course. It is a 45 minutes 6-weeks series every Tuesday at 6pm starting on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please come and join us as we explore in greater depth how we Christians know and worship God and the reasons why The Eucharist is celebrated as a memorial of Christ's saving passion and stands at the very heart of Christian worship. Light refreshment follow after each session.

## Support Us webpage

We created a webpage in our website to inform people how they can help St Lawrence Jewry in fulfilling its missions of bringing the light of Christ to the City of London. Please do visit our [Support Us](#) page and get involved.

Since we launched our [easyfundraising.org.uk page](#) in November 2013, we have already generated £229.24 for the church with 12 supporters. If you are buying anything online or are planning to buy something in the future, please register in [easyfundraising.org.uk](#) and choose St Lawrence Jewry as the charity you want the retailers to donate to. Examples of the +2,000 retailers included are Tesco & other supermarkets, Amazon, The Trainline and many others. It is really easy once the toolbar has been set up. It will not slow your shopping down. It will simply mean the church gets a donation in the process.

## Advance Notice

5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Spital Sermon by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster 12 noon  
11<sup>th</sup> Mar - City of London Festival Free Winter Concert – Max Baillie (violin/viola) 1:05pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Mar - The Queen's Six "Music of the Realm" CD Launch

God bless you all.

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