



St Lawrence Jewry March 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,

“But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by my deeds**. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.” (James 2:18-19 NIV)

As we reflect on our lives in this Lenten season, why don't we reflect also on how we show our faith by the deeds we do on a daily basis.

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 that started on 24th 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. The series will end with a service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 31st March to which anyone is welcome.

Spital Sermon

On Thursday 5th March at 12 noon we will have the [Spital Sermon](#), an ancient tradition with all the usual City pomp. Preaching this year was the Rt Revd John Sherrington, Bishop of Hiltia and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

Freemen School Services

Each year [Freeman's School](#), one of the schools sponsored by the City of London Corporation and now based in Ashstead Park in Surrey, come for a City visit. It will take place this year on Wednesday 11th March. There will be a service in the morning for the junior school (around 350 pupils aged 3 to 11) with seniors worshipping in the afternoon (450 pupils aged 11 to 18). There will be around 800 students, school's governors, staff and guardians in attendance usually.

Important Notice

From time to time we are impacted by other events in the City of London. On Friday 13th 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. There is a silver lining to this closure. About 2000 people will be at the service and the reception and many of them may have deep emotions from grief and stress arising from the conflict. The church will be open as a place of peace and prayer during the time of the reception and we will be joined by 6 forces Chaplains to minister to anyone who needs care and comfort. Please pray for us in this ministry opportunity.

Music

We continue with our Sixth Form Series this month of March, presenting some of the country's finest school-age organists. We thank Rob Miller for sponsoring this series. 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.

We have two special concerts this month:

11th Mar - City of London Festival Free Winter Concert – Max Baillie (violin/viola) 1:05pm

18th Mar - [The Queen's Six "Music of the Realm" CD Launch](#), 7:30pm Tickets £12 (£10 concession)

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.

Memorial Service

On Wednesday 25th March at 11:30am, we will have a Memorial Service for Anthony William Oliver Arthur Hall-Jones. We pray for his family and friends as they come together to celebrate Tony's life on the day.

Wedding

The first wedding of the year in our church will take place on Saturday 28th March at 2pm. Let us pray for God's blessings and guidance on Peter Killip and Joanna Martin as they enter into this sacred sacrament of marriage.

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 £247.35 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.

As part of generating funds, we are liaising with DCD Philatelics, to collect used stamps. If you receive letters with stamps on the envelopes, perhaps you can tear off the used stamps and send them or drop them off in the church. This will not raise much but every little helps. Stamps should be left on the backing paper, with a border of about 4mm to 8mm left around the stamp (this is meant as a guide only).

Advance Notice

20th April Monday - Annual Guild Church Meeting at 6pm

23rd April Thursday - Court of Common Council Service at 11:30am

27th July Monday - St Lawrence Jewry Annual Service at 6pm

God bless you all.

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