

# St Lawrence Jewry May 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,

"Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" (John 3:16 NIV)

Point of reflection during this season of Easter. Do you really believe that Jesus is alive right now or are you like Thomas who needs to see Him first before believing?

### 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.

We have two livery company services this month: Worshipful Company of Shipwrights Annual Service on Wednesday  $13^{th}$  May and The Worshipful Company of Salters Thanksgiving Service on Monday  $18^{th}$  May, both at 6pm.

#### Music

Our lunchtime recitals are attracting new audiences as ever. Please note that there will be no recital on Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday. May is the month when we have our John Hill Memorial Organ Recitals, attracting young organists from across the globe.

The programmes for our recitals are now available in the church or in our website. Please visit <u>Piano</u> or John Hill Memorial 2015 for more details.

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Church Meeting took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm and we are pleased to announce that our financial statements ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 showed a net surplus of £32,523. Thank you very much for all the support you have been giving to keep our church financially viable. Over £9,000 was generated by the Friends of St Lawrence Jewry. Let us give thanks to all our Friends and to <u>Katrina</u>, the Friends' Secretary, for all their valuable contributions towards the church. If you are not yet a member of our Friends, please contact her or pick up our Friends Membership leaflet in the church.

Copies of the AGCM Reports and Financial Statements are available in the vestibule and online.

## **Memorial Service**

On Tuesday 19<sup>h</sup> May at 3:30pm, we will have a Memorial Service for Sir Jerry Wiggin. We pray for his family and friends as they come together to celebrate Sir Jerry's life on the day.

## Wedding

Love must be in the air this month of May because we have four weddings:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm - Edward Cubberley & Rebecca Lambot Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm - Timothy Tottenham & Nicola Lynas Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm - Hugh Morris & Adriana Pricopie Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm - Andrew Cox & Jennifer Anstee

## Confirmation / Baptism

The Rev'd Oliver Ross and Bishop Michael Colclough are conducting a confirmation and first communion service at St Katharine Cree on Thursday 2nd July at 1.05pm. If you would like to be confirmed then please do contact <u>Arnel</u>. There will be lunchtime celebrations in the church following this service.

## 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 <u>Support</u> Us page and get involved.

Since we launched our <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> page last November 2013, we already generated £264.79 for the church, with 13 supporters. If you are buying anything online or are planning to buy something in the future, please register in <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> 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).

# Home for Good in the City

Home for Good is a new service, developed by The Passage, which provides support to former rough sleepers as they are resettled into new homes and communities across London. If you have an hour to spare every fortnight and like to help make a difference to a person's life, then please volunteer for this worthwhile cause. If you are interested, please get in touch with <u>Arnel</u>. More info can be found in their website <u>www.home-for-good.org.uk</u>.

God bless you and have a blessed Easter season to all.

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