

St Lawrence Jewry July/August 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,

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the **summer.**" (Proverbs 30:25 NIV) Like ants, we are also gathering our strength for the continuous events in the church. Luckily, we have supportive members rallying behind us. We really appreciate with all your help.

Services each week

We are suspending all our regular services in the month of August. They will all resume on Wednesday 2nd September with our Holy Communion at 8:30am. Church opening and closing during August may also vary from the usual times, subject to staff availability.

Special Services

Two livery companies held their church services with us in July: Thursday 16th July for the Loriners Annual Thanksgiving Service and the Girdlers' Election Day Service on Thursday 23rd July. We also held our 58th Annual Service of Rededication of this church on Monday 27th July with the Lord Mayor and his Sheriffs in attendance.

Music

Just like our regular services, we are also suspending our regular Monday Piano and Tuesday Organ recitals in the month of August to give way to our August Music Festival, an every weekday free lunchtime concert for everyone to enjoy throughout the month. Our regular lunchtime recitals will resume on Monday 7th September 2015. Programmes and brochures for the <u>August Music Festival</u> are now available online and in the church vestibule area. Programmes for the September-December Piano and Organ recitals will be available in August.

Summer Exhibition

Once again we are hosting a summer art exhibition. This year it is not only a Mosaics exhibition but also a Photography exhibition by our very own in-house photographer and administrator, Katrina Bradley. The mosaics are by the Southbank Mosaics students with a theme "London Skyline". The photography exhibition theme is "London through the Lens". The Exhibition, which kicked off with a launch on Tuesday 30th June, will run until Sunday 21st September 2015. All art works and photographs are for sale.

Confirmation

We wish to congratulate Janet Lambourne, a City of London Corporation staff member and a regular worshipper in our church, on being confirmed on Thursday 2nd July at St Katharine's Cree by The Rt Rev'd Edward Holland. We welcome her as a full member of our Christian family.

Wedding

The month of July must be full of love. We had four weddings:
Saturday 11th July at 2:00pm – Jonathan Fullwood and Lucy Parker
Friday 17th July at 3:00pm - Gabrielle Leighton-Hare and Jordan Owens
Saturday 18th July at 2:00pm - Daniel Burton and Vanessa Cashman
Saturday 25th July at 2:00pm - Lord Robert Hope and Tamarisk Morris

Let us include these newly wed couples in our prayers for the Lord's guidance as they start their lives as married couples.

Support Us webpage

We have 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 Us</u> page and get involved.

Since we launched our <u>easyfundraising.org.uk page</u> last November 2013, we have generated £280.48 for the church, with 15 supporters. If you are buying anything online or are planning to buy something in the future, please register with <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>.

Advance Notices

Thursday 15th October at 6pm - Lawrence Lecture, "God & Mrs Thatcher". A lecture given by Eliza Filby who has just published a book of the same name. This date has been changed from Wednesday 7th October.

God bless you all.

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