



St Lawrence Jewry September 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,

“Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.” (Joel 2:23 NIV) God continuously showers us with His blessings by the number of events/services happening in our church this month.

Services each week

After the break in August we resumed all our regular services on Wednesday with our Holy Communion at 8:30am and on Fridays at 1.15pm.

Special Services

Two livery companies will hold their church services with us on Wednesday 16th September: Chartered Architects Installation Service at 11:20am and the Insurers’ Blessing of their Royal Charter at 5:30pm. Last Friday 4th September, we also held the City of London Pensioners’ Association Annual Church Service.

Lord Mayor Election Day Service

The Lord Mayor Election Day Service will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 10:45am. This is one of the great Civic events of the year, when all Masters of Livery companies & Aldermen with their respective beadles process from the Great Hall of the Guildhall to the church to seek spiritual guidance from God before electing a new Lord Mayor. It takes a lot of organising. Again please pray for this key event in the life of our church.

Music

We had a very successful August Music Festival last month. Thank you very much for Graham Allum and his wife Sarah Walker for organising it for us. We also thank all the artists who performed in it. Also special thanks to our volunteers, Jenny Houghton, Ian Lightfoot and Peter Livock, for giving Katrina and Arnel their time and support throughout the festival. And a very big thanks to all who came. Our numbers this year, both in terms of audiences and donations, surpassed all other numbers in the past. We are so looking forward to our next year’s festival, which will highlight music of Haydn. Watch this space for more details.

This month, we resume our regular weekly Monday Piano and Tuesday Organ lunchtime recitals. We welcome two visiting organists this month: Simon Holzwarth (Germany) on Tuesday 8th September and Linden Innes-Hopkins (St Albans) on Tuesday 22nd September. For more details, please click [Piano](#) or [Organ](#) or get our printed copy of the music programmes in the church vestibule.

We also hosted a special concert organised by the City Music Foundation on Wednesday 9th September at 6pm, as part of Sir Roger Gifford's 60th birthday celebrations which was a great success.

Summer Exhibition

Our Mosaics and Photography exhibition are still on until Sunday 20th September. There are still some art works and photographs on sale.

After this exhibition, Norma Vondee, President of the British Association of Modern Mosaics, will have her own mosaics and sculpture exhibition, entitled "Parables", in the church from 23rd September to 22nd October 2015. [Private view](#) of the exhibition is on Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm. To see some of her wonderful works, please visit her website <http://normavondeemosaic.com>.

Wedding

Love continuously flows in this church. We have two weddings this month:

Saturday 5th September at 1:00pm – Scott Thompson and Heather Denniston

Saturday 12th September at 1:30pm - Guy Skinner and Samantha Scott

As always, let us include these couples in our prayers, as they start their married lives.

A History of Bassishaw Ward c.1200 – c.1600

Last year in May, as part of the 75th anniversary of the Bassishaw Ward Club, Alderman Timothy Hailes, one of our churchwardens, commissioned a talk by Dr Christine Fox, basing on her work History of the Medieval Ward of Bassishaw from 1200 – 1600. The book is now available through Amazon with a retail price of £32. Through Tim's generosity, we have limited copies of the book on sale in the church for only £25. All proceeds of this special sale will go to the church. To place your order, please email [Katrina](#) or [Arnel](#) or come to the church. Once they're gone, they're gone.

London Open House 2015, Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September

The church will open again its doors for this year's London Open House weekend on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September from 10am to 5pm to welcome the thousands of visitors expected on that weekend. There will be a series of brief historical talks, mosaics exhibition and live demonstrations, children's church trail (with prizes), coffee, tea and biscuits.

We are looking for volunteers to help us welcome our visitors that weekend. If you can spare some of your time, then please contact [Arnel](#).

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 [Support Us](#) page and get involved.

Since we launched our easyfundraising.org.uk page last November 2013, we have generated £283.78 for the church, with 15 supporters. If you are buying anything online or are planning to buy something in the future, please register with 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 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. Refreshment and drinks will be served after the talk. A free event but donation is invited. Contact [Katrina](#) to book a place.

God bless you all.

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