

St Lawrence Jewry November 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,

"With praise and **thanksgiving** they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." Ezra 3:11

We too sing our praises and thanksgiving to the Lord for the following:

Thanksgiving No. 1 - Livery Companies Church Services

The livery companies are still continuing their traditions of having their annual church services here. Two of our livery companies (WC Constructors and Chartered Architects) have again held their Master's installation ceremony within the church services. Doing so added a spiritual context to the ceremony.

Thanksgiving No. 2 - Music

Music in the church can be classified as world class. Thanks to the collective efforts of Catherine Ennis, our Music Director and Organist; our group of volunteers who help us in our lunchtime recitals and concerts; our choir who are all professional singers that give the added WOW factor to every service we have in the church and leave the attendees in awe upon hearing their wonderful voices; and the concert organisers who have chosen our church as their concert venue. This November we have the two concerts booked:

City of London Boys School Concert - Thursday 19th November at 1pm (free concert)

City Music Society "The Baltic Stars Ensemble" Concert - Thursday 26th November at 7:30pm

To get the November programmes for our lunchtime recitals, please visit our <u>Piano</u> and <u>Organ</u> webpages or get a printed copy in the church vestibule.

Thanksgiving No. 3 - Lord Mayor's Show

This year's Lord Mayor Show is very special. Not only because it's the 800th year anniversary, but also because the Lord Mayor is Lord Mountevans of Chelsea, Jeffrey to us, one of our churchwardens. Let us show our support to him by being there on Saturday 14th November. For more info on what's happening on that day, please click <u>Lord Mayor's Show</u>.

Thanksgiving No. 4 - Weddings

We thank God for having 17 weddings so far this year. No wedding for this month but we have another one booked for 5th December – Michael Li, one of our City of London Police, and his bride Samantha Gregory.

We are fortunate to host several Memorial Services to celebrate the lives of some great people who contributed a lot to the City of London.

Thanksgiving No. 6 - Friends of St Lawrence Jewry

The Friends of St Lawrence Jewry are continuously growing. We now have 172 Friends members. If you are interested to join our Friends, then please contact <u>Katrina</u> for further details.

Thanksgiving No. 7 - Fundraising activities

So far, we already raised £313.05 with 16 supporters with Easyfundraising. This can pay for the printing of our Music Programmes and posters for 3 months. Help us out when you check out with easyfundraising.org.uk. How does it work? Very simple.

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencejewry/ If you have QR reader on your mobile phone, just scan this QR code.



- 2. Register yourself by giving your first name, last name, email address and create a password. If you're a UK taxpayer, you can help us claim 25% more, without any cost from you, by adding Gift Aid to your donation.
- 3. Choose from among +2,000 retailers that you want to shop. Every time you check out, the retailer(s) will donate certain percentage of your total payment to St Lawrence Jewry.

Please don't forget that we also collect used stamps to raise fund for our church. Please drop them off to the church office and we will do the rest.

Thanksgiving No. 8 - Advance Events

Thursday 4th December at 7:00pm – German Choir of London "Weihnachtsoratorium" Concert.

Thursday 10th December at 1pm – City of London Corporation Staff and Police Carol Service. Festive refreshment follows. All welcome.

Tuesday 15th December at 1pm - Carols for choir and congregation. Our Guild Vicar will tell us the wonderful story of Christmas with the readings while our choir will lead us in singing the carols.

Monday 21st December at 5:30pm – Lord Mayor's Carol Service. Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in attendance. Mince pies and wine reception follows. All welcome.

Special Announcement

Due to a high security event on Friday 11th November, our church will be closed for public from 9am to 12:30pm. We will be open for public again from 12:30pm onwards.

God bless you all.

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