



St Lawrence Jewry September 2017

Newsletter

St Lawrence Jewry is the church on Guildhall Yard, dedicated to bringing the light of Christ to the City of London.

Dear Friends,

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’ (Matthew 6:9-10)

How is our prayer life these days? When we pray, do we normally seek a favourable response from God or do we fully believe in “Thy will be done”?

Services each week

Our weekly services resume their usual pattern after a break in August. Holy Communion at 8.30am on Wednesday and 1.15pm on Friday.

Special Services / Weddings

We continue to celebrate love in this church with our two weddings this month: Lisa Hamlett & Robert Welch on Saturday 9th at 1pm and Holly Cranidge & Mikhail Vishnyakov on Saturday 30th at 2pm. Please pray for these couples as they start their married life.

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects will have their Installation Service on Wednesday 20th September at 11:15am. Let us pray for their new Master and Wardens as they lead the company to another prosperous and exciting year.

Admission of Sheriffs

The two new Sheriffs will be admitted to office on 28th September in Guildhall. We congratulate our churchwarden, Alderman Tim Hailes, on his election. He and Neil Redcliffe will serve together in the coming year at the Old Bailey and across the City.

Lord Mayor Election Day Service

The Lord Mayor Election Day Service will take place on Friday 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 beades 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 celebrating Bach's music. Thank you very much for Graham Allum & Sarah Walker for organising it for us. We also thank all the artists who performed in it. Special thanks to our volunteers for giving their time and support throughout the festival. And a very big thanks to all who came.

Our regular weekly piano and organ recitals will also resume on Monday 4th September. Please visit [Piano](#) and [Organ](#) webpages for the September programmes.

London Open House Weekend – 16th to 17th September

The church is again expecting thousands of people to visit during the London Open House weekend on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September. Please do let others know so that they can enjoy our history talks, children's trail, live mosaics demonstrations and our much loved coffee/tea/biscuits. As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration, there will be an exhibition of pictures and artefacts of the pre war church and the destruction wrought by the WW2 fire bomb.

60th Anniversary Appeal

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of rededication of this church after its restoration following the blitz, although as we all know there has been a church on the site for many centuries before that. During this year we hope to raise some funds to replace the wooden doors inside the church with glass doors, making our church more welcoming to the public. Thus our 60th Anniversary Appeal was launched in July during our Annual Rededication Service.

The Appeal is simple.

We invite anyone who is willing to donate to the project in units of £60 (60 being the diamond figure). You may wish to give several units of £60, or one. You may need to spread the cost over 12 months with a standing order of units of £5 per month. Choose what you can do. Very many of you will not feel you need to limit your gift in memory of your relationship with St Lawrence Jewry to just one unit of £60. For others, a gift of £60 is a challenge, and I want to assure each and every one of you that every gift to God's work is of equal value in his eyes.

If there is a surplus it will be used for employing an intern who wants to learn about ministry. This will be a really positive balance between fabric and ministry.

We plan to keep a book of gifts during the year. Perhaps you would like to give £60 in memory of someone or a number of people. Perhaps you would like to give £60 in thanksgiving for a marriage or for the baptism of your children, for a member of your family no longer with us who loved the church, or just because you love it yourself!

There is a [giving form](#) attached alongside this message which you can use and return to us. It helps our financial administration if any bank arrangement is passed through our hands first. Please use 'Diamond' as a reference when making payments.

The 60th Anniversary year is due to be a great opportunity to celebrate. Katrina has been working on a [programme of events](#) and we will notify you about them as the year goes on.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

**Lawrence Lecture – Monday 23rd October 6pm Entrance fee £10
Includes a glass of wine afterwards**

Mr Kevin Rogers
The restructuring of the City Churches post WW2

Valentine's Day Service – Wednesday 14th February at 5.30pm

Did you get married at St Lawrence Jewry? If so, we'd especially like to see you again!!
All others are also welcome to join us at this special renewal of your Wedding vows. The idea is that
you come to the service and then go off for a romantic date!!

Summer Mosaics Exhibition

The Summer Mosaics Exhibition will run until Sunday 17th September featuring wonderful works from the studios of [Southbank Mosaics](#). This year's exhibition theme is "Rome To London" and the introduction of the [London School of Mosaic](#).



Advance Notice

Oct 3rd - [British Malaysian Society 60th Merdeka Celebration Concert](#) - 6pm
14th - [Gohei Nishikawa - Special Piano Recital](#) - 7pm
25th - Ripon Cathedral Choir Concert - 6:30pm

God bless you all.

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