

# St Lawrence Jewry February 2016 Newsletter

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

# Dear Friends,

"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways." (Psalm 139:1-3)

Apologies for not sending you a January newsletter. We had a very busy December and then January hit us with admin catch up work. Luckily, aside from our regular weekly services and lunchtime recitals, we only had Plow Monday Service on the 11<sup>th</sup> and a Memorial Service for Sir Christopher Walford on the 14<sup>th</sup> as special events for that month.

# Waitangi Day Service

The New Zealand Society UK will once again hold their Waitangi Day Service in the church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Waitangi Day is a public holiday in New Zealand held each year on 6 February to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document, on that date in 1840. It is always a moving service. After the service they were treated to the traditional hospitality of Girdlers Hall. To get a glimpse of what transpired in the service, please watch this news clip from New Zealand News.

#### Music

We welcome for weekly Tuesday lunchtime recitals Josef Miltchitszky (Ottobeuren) with Susanne Jutz-Miltschitzky (soprano) on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and the Six Form Series starting 16<sup>th</sup> February, presenting some of the country's finest school-age organists. We thank Rob Miller for partly funding the travel expenses of our student organists, just as what he did last year.

For our Monday piano recitals we welcome Elizabeth Rossiter, Nafis Umerkulova, Ben Schoeman, Alasdair Macaskill and Michael Leach. For full programmes of both our <u>Piano</u> and <u>Organ</u> recitals, please visit our website or come and get a copy in our vestibule.

We are pleased to announce that the City Music Foundation has made our church their regular venue for their monthly evening concert series which started on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, featuring Samson Tsoy. Their next concert is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. For more details of their events, please visit their website.

We also welcome back the National Opera Studio for their "Lieder ohne Grenzen: German song introduced by Iain Burnside" concert on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm. Please visit their <u>website</u> for tickets and/or further details.

### Services each week

We have changed the time for our Morning Prayer from 8:30am to 7:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Holy Communion remains the same at 8:30am on Wednesday and 1:15pm on Friday. Both these communion services continue to grow. Do please come along when you can.

A said Evensong will be held in our Commonwealth Chapel on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm for the City of London Benefices Committee.

We will host the SPCK Bray Service on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. This is led by the Bishop of Oxford and Bishop Geoffrey Rowell will give the sermon. This is a Holy Communion Service and everyone is invited to come.

## **Memorial Service**

We have two Memorial Services this month:

Tom Troubridge – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am Tony Hart – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00pm

Please include their families and friends in your prayers.

### A Course for Lent 2016

We are hosting again the Bank Churches Lent Course. It is a 45 minutes 6-weeks series every Tuesday at 6pm starting on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please come and join us as we explore the core of Christian belief in greater depth through the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Light refreshment follows after each session.

# **Fundraising activities**

So far, we already raised £401.78 with 17 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 <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencejewry/">www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencejewry/</a> If you have QR reader on your mobile phone or tablet, 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.

#### **Advance Notice**

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3<sup>rd</sup> Mar - Spital Sermon by the Bishop of London 12 noon
7<sup>th</sup> Mar - City of London Guides Melluish Lecture 5:30pm
8<sup>th</sup> Mar - Guildhall Service of Remembrance (please check the name change) 2:30pm
9<sup>th</sup> Mar - CMF Concert series - Messiaen 'Quartet for the end of Time' 6:00pm
11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Hope Charity Concert for Japan Earthquake's victims 7:00pm (£8 ticket at the door)
30<sup>th</sup> Mar - Parish Clerks' Evensong Service 6:00pm
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That's about it. The rest of the time we are sitting here doing nothing!

God bless you all.

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