



# St Lawrence Jewry November 2019

## 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 – Weekly Services**

Please come and join us in our Holy Communion Services every Wednesday at 8:30am and every Friday at 1:15pm.

### **Thanksgiving No. 2 – The Lord Mayor Installation Service**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, we will all gather in the church to give thanks to God for installing Alderman William Russell as the 692<sup>nd</sup> Lord Mayor of the City of London. Everybody is welcome.

### **Thanksgiving No. 3 - Special Services**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12:30pm, there will be a Memory Service as part of the work of the Interfaith group of the City of London. This short act of remembrance is for Corporation staff for whom the ‘poppy’ season brings sorrow and memories.

A Service of Remembrance for the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30am.

David will also be leading Acts of Remembrance for the Old Bailey and the staff at Guildhall.

### **Thanksgiving No. 3 – Livery Companies**

We thank Livery Companies for their continued patronage of the church. This year, we have 16 livery services and events in our church.

### **Thanksgiving No. 4 - 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 and give the added WOW factor to every service and leave the attendees in awe on 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 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm (free concert)

Barts Chamber Choir "[O Radiant Dawn](#)" Concert - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6:00pm  
tickets at <https://barts-choir.com>

To get the November programmes for our lunchtime recitals, please visit our [Piano](#) and [Organ](#) webpages or get a printed copy in the church vestibule.

## Thanksgiving No. 5 - Friends of St Lawrence Jewry

The Friends of St Lawrence Jewry are continuously growing. We now have 178 Friends members. If you are interested to join our Friends, then please contact [Katrina](#) for further details.

## Thanksgiving No. 6 - Christmas Appeal – Bibles for Rwanda

The church learned, through Adewale Ayodeji Ajayi, one of our regular worshippers in the church, that Rwanda, one of the smallest countries on the African mainland, has Christianity as the largest religion. The people there are apparently desperate for bibles. Ade approached us to see if the church can help in providing bibles to them. Through his connection, he managed to find a printer that can print the bible at only £7 per unit.

So, our Christmas Appeal this year is to provide at least 500 bibles to Rwanda. Any donation towards this cause will be highly appreciated but we invite you to donate £35 for a pack of 5 bibles. Not only will the people of Rwanda be thankful for your generosity, the church will also include you and your loved ones in our prayers during the weekly services in December. You can give your donation to the church office by card, cash or cheque (payable to "St Lawrence Jewry"). Let us help spread God's Word in Rwanda by providing them the bibles that they desperately need.

## Thanksgiving No. 7 – Crowding Fund

We also recently launched a Crowdfunding Appeal through Space Hive for the restoration of our Steinway grand piano. It was made in 1926 and was originally owned by including Sir Thomas Beecham. It is regularly used during our weekly piano lunchtime recitals and other events. Although we do our best to keep it in good-working condition, it now needs a major restoration to put it back to the international playing standard. We need £8,625 to make this happen. Please visit our SpaceHive page <https://www.spacehive.com/projects/edit/33109#/> to support us in this project.

## Thanksgiving No. 8 - Online / Contactless Donation



We are trying to be scarily high tech and whizzy here at SLJ!

We have created a QR Code to make it easy for people to donate to the church using their mobile phone or tablet. Simply download a QR reader app and scan the QR code. This will lead you directly to our Give.net donation webpage where you can make your donation online. We will include this QR code in our printed publication.

You can also now donate using a contactless terminal in the church. You will find our contactless card reader by the donation box at the entrance of the main church. Specially designed collection plates will also be used for contactless giving during services.

As Arnel keeps us up to date on the fintech front you are running out of excuses for not giving!



## Thanksgiving No. 9 - Shop online to raise fund for the church

### Amazon Smile

You shop. Amazon gives. Every time you shop with Amazon Smile, it will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same the Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support St Lawrence Jewry by starting your shopping at

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage?q=St+Lawrence+Jewry+Guild+Church&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8>

### Easyfundraising.org.uk

Another way of helping raise fund for our church is by signing up to easyfundraising when you're doing your everyday shopping online. THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR US! Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!! This short video explains how simple it is and it doesn't cost you anything <http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>.

Sign-up using our unique link and search for St Lawrence Jewry Church London: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1ZIJMC/49ZRGU>

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm – City of London Staff and Police Carol Service

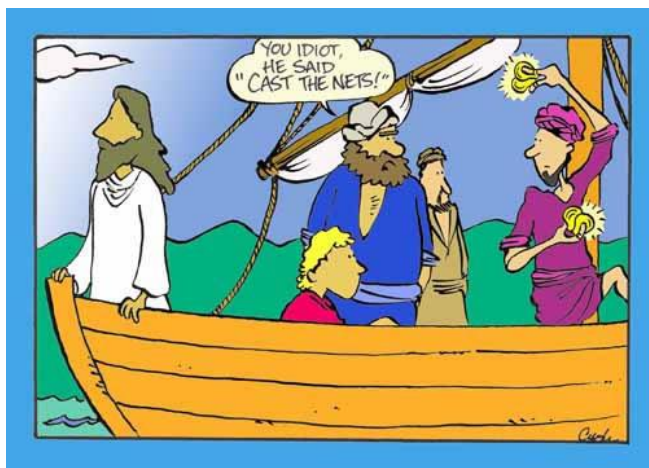
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm – [London German Choir "Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248"](#)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm – Seasonal Readings and Carols

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm – Lord Mayor's Carol Service

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm – [Esterhazy Singers Carol Concert](#)

### Heavenly Humour



And Finally...

Apart from all that we have nothing to do in November or December. Don't forget that the calendar page of our web site <https://stlawrencejewry.org.uk/calendar/> has all the events in it. We look forward to being in continued contact with you.

God bless you all.

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