



St Lawrence Jewry **October 2020 Newsletter**

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

Dear Friends,

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Romans 5:3-4 NIVUK)

We live in a very volatile times these days, where things can change on a daily basis. And each one of us needs to adapt to this ever-changing world for us to survive. Although the UK government set up the rule-of-six, this doesn't apply to church services, which can still gather up to 30 people. So our weekly Holy Communion Service every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am and 1:15pm, respectively, will still be continuing. In fact, we also started live-streaming the Friday service through our [Facebook](#) account. This service can also be viewed afterwards on our [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

We urge everyone to stay home and not to travel unless absolutely necessary to further help stop the spread of this virus and avoid having a second peak like that happening now in other countries. Please be sensible and follow the government's guidelines on doing social distancing when in public and of wearing mask. We also urge everyone to pray for all our brave frontline workers (the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, drivers, grocers, pharmacists, police officers, etc) who are constantly risking their lives every day just to be able to help us survive this pandemic. Please also remember in your prayers those affected by the pandemic, especially those who are bereaved. We pray for everyone to stay calm, well and safe and to find comfort that God will lead us through this.

Opening Times for the church

Our church will still remain open for personal prayers only from Monday to Friday 2-4pm and during Holy Communion Service on Wednesdays 8:15-9:00am and on Fridays 1:00-2:00pm. The church office will remain on a per appointment basis only between 11.30am and 5pm. Please contact [Katrina](#) or [Arnel](#) if you want to book an appointment with them.

Other churches are open at different times across the City, please check their notice boards/website for details.

St Vedast Courtyard is also available for prayer all day Monday to Friday.

To keep our church Covid-safe, we ask everyone visiting us to follow this procedure which you'll find in our [website](#).

Events

Other events and services are still under review, pending further announcement from the UK government if 'big gathering events' will already be allowed. Some of these services might happen via Zoom conference. Please watch this space or in our website/social media accounts for further announcement.

Music in the church

Even though the government has already allowed for small concerts to continue, we made a decision to still suspend our weekly lunchtime recitals until further notice. This is to ensure the safety of our artists and audiences, who mostly commute to the City. Watch this space for any changes.

Fabric

We are applying for a faculty for the 5G upgrade of Telefonica telecoms equipment located in our church tower. We are required by law to display a Public Notice about it. You'll find it in our Notice board outside the church and in our website. Click [here](#) if you want to view the Public Notice.

Social Media

We now use our social media accounts to get in touch with our congregation. Please add our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts to your social media accounts, if you have any, so that we can keep in touch. Please subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel too. As mentioned above, we started live streaming the Friday Holy Communion Service via [Facebook](#) Live. Of course, you can still reach us through email or by phone 02076009478 if you need pastoral care or just need someone to chat to. Social media is all new to us so please be patient with us as we learn how to use them better.

If you want to join a Morning Prayer at 9am, then you can do so through the [Diocese of London Facebook](#) page.

We are trying to keep getting better and better at the IT. Many churches and others have had to rise to the challenge of learning new tricks. We came across this recently which amused us.

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

**As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong ?
He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'**

**I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired,
'An, ID ten T error ? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'**

Eric grinned 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before ?

'No,' I replied.

**'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'
So I wrote down:**

ID10T

I used to like Eric.

Where to find help during the Corona Virus lockdown

The UK government website has a specific link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> to help answer most queries about the lockdown, from what you can do and can't do, to help/support available for employers and employees.

If you have queries about Church of England, they also have a specific webpage link on Covid-19 virus <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>.

You can also find some answers to your spiritual needs in the Diocese of London website <https://www.london.anglican.org/>.

There are also opportunities to help your community during this period. If you're in London, you can check opportunities through the Mayor of London <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/coronavirus-covid-19-volunteering>.

The Lord Mayor of London has launched the [London Community Response Fund](#) which offer support to London's civil society groups affected by Covid-19.

The bible is also the best way to find help as we experience different feelings during this time of uncertainties. To find out more, please click [here](#).

Staffing

Our two hard working staff will be working 3 days in the office and 2 days from home. If you want to visit them, please make an appointment first as mentioned above.

Fundraising for the church

The pandemic has changed a lot of things on how we do things. For instance, shopping. Due to lockdown and restrictions many people are now doing more shopping online. If you're one of these people, then why not help the church to raise fund by shopping through [Amazon Smile](#) or [Easyfundraising.com](#). A certain percentage of your total spent will be donated by Amazon or Easyfundraising to the church every time you shop with them. To start supporting us, just click [Amazon Smile](#) or [Easyfundraising.com](#).

Livery work

David's Chaplaincy work continues with the City of London Corporation and the Livery companies. It looks rather different, but he is staying in touch with key people in all the organisations and seeking to offer support where it is requested. Please continue to pray that these links are useful and that where pastoral care is offered, he is able to deliver.

He also had done a couple of Zoom services for Livery companies in September. This trend might continue with our future services if restriction for 'big gathering events' is not lifted.

Heavenly Humour





God bless you all.

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