



St Lawrence Jewry May 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,

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV)

As we celebrate the Easter season, let us remember the very core of our faith, that God so loved us by sending his only son Jesus Christ to die for us and to redeem us from the power of sin (death) by his Resurrection.

Services

Our weekly services continue as usual. Holy Communion at 8.30am on Wednesday and 1.15pm on Friday.

There is a special Thanksgiving Service for the Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls on Thursday 18th May at 11:30am.

Important Advanced Notice

This year is the 60th Anniversary of the restoration of St Lawrence Jewry following the second world war. Our Annual Service of Celebration will be an opportunity to celebrate this diamond jubilee and to launch an appeal for a project to enhance our entrance doors to make the entrance to the church more welcoming. The service will take place at 5.30pm on 19th July. The preacher will be Ven. Rosemary Lain-Priestly, Archdeacon of the Two Cities.

The Guildhall has kindly offered to host a reception after the service, and this will mean that the service and reception will need to be ticketed. If you wish to attend please send an email to Katrina (katrina@stlawrencejewry.org.uk). We will then be able to issue tickets nearer the event. There will be a number of official guests, so the limit on the number of tickets will be 120 and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Applications must be received by the second week in June (w/c 05/06). Please come and celebrate this important moment in the life of our church.

Music

Our lunchtime recitals are attracting new audiences as ever. We welcome back the John Hill Memorial Organ Recitals this month for its 11th series, attracting young organists from across the globe. The programmes are available in the church or in our website. Please visit [Piano](#) and [Organ](#) for more details.

We are hosting a special Piano-Poetry Recital on Thursday 4th May at 1pm. Rolf Dragstra, our piano doctor, has written some poems, including Dead Souls, a poem for bankers and he would like to share

them to us in this special recital. It's a free event and everyone is welcome to attend this 45-minute presentation.

We are also hosting the End of the Year Recital for the City University of London on Tuesday 30th May at 6pm.

Wedding

Love is continuously in the air for we have two weddings this month: Brooke Herbert & Louis Morgan on Saturday 6th May at 1:30pm and Jenny Shepherd & Peter Dunphy on Saturday 20th May at 2:30pm. Please pray for God's blessings and guidance on these couples as they enter into the sacred sacrament of marriage.

Memorial Service

We have two Memorial Services this month: for Rory Macnamara on Tuesday 9th May at 3pm and for John Adler on Friday 12th May at 2:30pm. We pray for their families and friends as they come together to celebrate Rory's and John's lives on those days.

August Music Festival – get involved!

St Lawrence Jewry is delighted to announce that this year's August Festival is themed around the music of Johan Sebastian Bach. The Festival will run from Monday 31 July to Friday 25 August. The concerts start at 1pm and last for approximately 50 minutes, each weekday.

Would you like to help? We are looking for 2 volunteers a day to come and man the front of house, to help with the distributing of programmes, before the concert and general information and then after the concert help tidy the church. We would need you to arrive for 12.30 and you should finish by 2.30pm.

As a thank you we will be holding an end of Festival party on Friday 25th to which all our volunteers are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet lots of interesting people, promote the work of St Lawrence Jewry and of course enjoy the music.

We plan to hold a training event for 1 hour in early July, the date to be confirmed nearer the time.

If you can spare any lunchtimes in August, then please get in touch with the dates that you can offer at katrina@stlawrencejewry.org.uk or telephone 0207 600 9478. Very many thanks in advance – Katrina.

We are also looking for a volunteer to become our cash clerk/petty cash officer. Anyone who can spare at least 2 hours of his/her time every week to do this volunteer works, then please contact Arnel at arnel@stlawrencejewry.org.uk.

Fundraising activities

All abroad for big donations. Collect FREE donation for St Lawrence Jewry when you book your holiday through easyfundraising. It is easy to do. Just follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencejewry/ 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

June 5th - Haberdashers Annual Church Service 6:00pm

15th - Felicitas Chamber Choir "Sing Joyfully" 25th Anniversary Concert 7:30pm

The [St Lawrence Jewry Guild Church Council Annual Report 2016](#) is now posted in our website. A big thank you to everyone who had helped, supported and/or got involved with us last year. We had a surplus of £16,535 in our Unrestricted Fund.

God bless you all.

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