



## St Lawrence Jewry October 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,

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.” (Psalm 25:4-5)

In life, we often come across many crossroads. Which way do we follow in making our decisions?

God is really showing us the way here in St Lawrence Jewry because two of our staff, Katrina and Arnel, are receiving their Freeman of the City this month. Congratulation to both of them!

The October newsletter is coming to you a little later than usual for a variety of reasons. Nonetheless we hope you enjoy hearing more news of the work of the church.

#### Services each week

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

#### Special Services/Events

October is a very busy month in the church. We have already had several special events and services:  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm – [British Malaysian Society 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Music for Malaysia” Concert](#)  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Worshipful Company of Constructors Installation Service  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – Guild of Nurses Annual Service

There are more to come:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm - Holly Cranidge and Mikhail Vishnyakov Wedding

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - [Gohei Nishikawa Special Piano Recital](#)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm – Lawrence Lecture by Kevin Rogers (please see 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal below)**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Worshipful Company of Insurers Installation Service

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – City of London Pensioners Association Service

#### Music

Our regular weekly piano and organ recitals continue this month. We especially welcome again The Eric Thompson Trust Organ Recital Series. Please visit [Piano](#) and [Eric Thompson Trust](#) webpages for the detailed programmes.

#### Lord Mayor Election Day

One of the great Civic events of the year, The Lord Mayor's Election Day Service, which took place in our church on 29<sup>th</sup> September, was a big success. The election which followed the service in the Guildhall saw Alderman Charles Bowman selected as the next Lord Mayor. Congratulations Charles! Our hearts and prayers are with you for the huge tasks you are about to take on. He will be admitted on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Cash Clerk

Jan Horton recently joined the team as one of the people helping us manage counting of collections and so on. Thanks go to her for time she is giving the church. The task really needs to be split into two halves, so we are looking for someone who would be willing to come in and help manage the petty cash payments and record keeping. Can you help for a couple of hours each week?

## London Open House

We had a very successful London Open House in September. Thank you very much for all the volunteers who helped us welcoming more than 1,500 people into our church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you also to David Tootill, Principal of the London School of Mosaic, for demonstrating to our visitors how to create mosaic art. We are looking forward to having it again next year.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm Entrance fee £10  
Includes a glass of wine afterwards**

**Mr Kevin Rogers**

After the devastation of WW2, decisions had to be made about which of the City churches would be re-built. Kevin will discuss this in relation to St Lawrence Jewry

**Valentine's Day Service – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## **Advance Notices**

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - [Ark4Arts "Cathedrals by Giannis Christodoulopoulos](#) - 7:15pm  
10<sup>th</sup> - Lord Mayor Welcome Service - 6pm  
16<sup>th</sup> - City of London Boys School Lunchtime Concert - 1pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Church Conservation Trust Annual Lecture – 6pm

God bless you all.

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