



## **St Lawrence Jewry** **June 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,**

The UK government is now easing down some lockdown restrictions. Some non-essential businesses will start to open this month of June. The weather is getting warmer too. But we are still not near overcoming this pandemic. We have already had 38,376 deaths in the UK, which is over 10% of the total worldwide death of 368,297. Although the rate of daily death in the UK is going down, there are still many countries whose death rate is increasing, like Brazil and India. Please remember in your prayers those who are affected by this virus especially those who are bereaved. This unprecedented time is still continuing and might take some time to overcome. 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. Please be sensible and follow the government's guidelines on doing social distancing when in public. 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.

“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIVUK)

### **Services / Events**

Despite the government easing up of the lockdown, churches, like ours, are to remain closed until further notice. Medical experts are now saying that social distancing might take up to 6 months to curb the infection of the Covid-19 virus. All our lunchtime recitals, including the Summer Music Festival in August are now cancelled until further notice. This is to ensure the safety of all people involved in them, not only the performers, but also the volunteers and audiences. We will resume our weekly services as soon as the lockdown is lifted by the government. All other services and events booked with us in June are also cancelled. Some of these events/services might be rescheduled on later dates this year. Please watch this space or in our website for further announcement.

### **Fabric**

The Covid-19 situation has meant that the timing of the big restoration project will also be delayed. The design team are still working (they are on home working as well) but the immediate problem is that the work was due to go out to tender and that can't happen while people cannot do site visits. We are not yet clear what the exact implications will be, but it likely that the work will not start for 3 to 4 months beyond the projected date of January 2021. We will keep everyone posted as more clarity appears. You may well know that Sue and I will have to move when the work starts as we can't live in a building site, and the Diocese is continuing to work on where we might be able to relocate to.

### **Livery work**

My Chaplaincy work continues with the City of London Corporation and the Livery companies. It looks rather different, but I am 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, I am able to deliver.

## 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. We not only post my weekly mini-sermon there, but we started to post also a weekly organ music performance by our Music Director, Catherine Ennis. 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. We now use our social media accounts to get in touch with our congregation. Please add our [Facebook](#)

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

## Help!

We are also planning to do some You Tube services for our Livery Companies who can't meet together. The plan is to get some organ music, hymns, PPT of hymn words, prayers and a sermon all into one You Tube video. I can get the various recorded bits together, but I wondered whether there is anyone who could patch all the bits together for me into one service. We need an expert volunteer to help us set it up. Please [email](#) me if you want to support us in this new endeavour.

## 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 recently launched the [London Community Response Fund](#) through which to 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 have been placed on furlough until 30<sup>th</sup> June. This means that they will cease working but continue to be paid. Please direct all enquiries about the church to me for the time being.

## Fundraising

We would like inform you that our [SLJ Grand Piano Restoration Project](#) through Spacehive has been successful. Thank you for all that have supported us, especially The Friends of St Lawrence Jewry who had completed the target amount with their generous donation. Rest assured that our grand piano will be restored to its international playing standard so that we can continue our free lunchtime piano recital for many more decades to come. The piano restoration will take place during the big restoration project of the church.

## Heavenly Humour

### 105 year old woman's remedies to her health

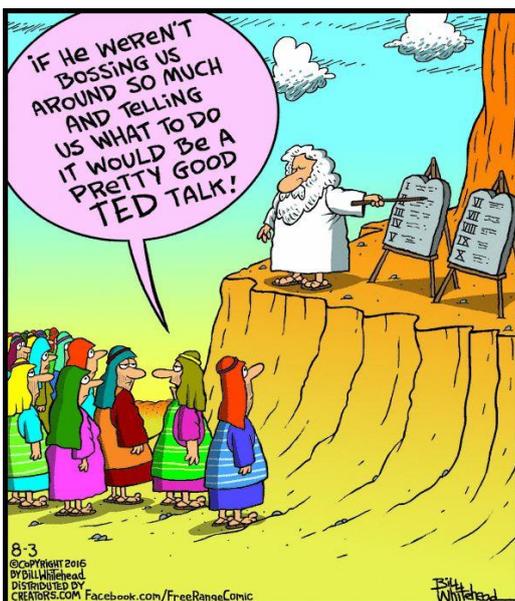


**"For better digestion – I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In the case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In the case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."**

**"When do you drink water?"**

**"I've never been that sick."**

Via LoveThisPic.com



God bless you all.

Arnel and Katrina are on furlough so please contact me. I am trying to keep up with everything but be patient if my replies are a bit slower than usual.

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