

St Lawrence Jewry December 2016 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

Christmas season is here and you can feel the hustle and bustle everywhere, not only in shops but also in St Lawrence Jewry.

But the spirit of Christmas is not about us being busy with carol services, or shopping, or sending Christmas cards to people. It is the spirit of love, of giving, of believing. We as Christians, celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas, the day we receive the greatest gift of all, our dear Saviour, Jesus Christ. This Christmas season, let us remember the other gifts God is continuously giving us through St Lawrence Jewry.



Gift No. 1 – Carol Services

Our church will be filled with carols again with 15 carol services in the next few weeks. All services are open to the public (although where an organisation is doing refreshments afterwards these are not usually open to all comers), but the two we particularly invite you to amongst these carol services are:

City of London Corporation Staff and City Police Carol Service Wednesday 7th December 1:00pm

The Lord Mayor’s Carol Service Wednesday 21st December 5:30pm.

Refreshments will follow after these services. Everyone is invited.

Gift No. 2 – Music

In addition to the 15 carol services, we also have 7 concerts/recitals. For programmes of our [Piano](#) and [Organ](#) recitals, please visit our website. Other dates to remember:

5th December 6:30 pm - Meningitis Now Christmas Concert
20th December 1pm - SLJ Organ and Choir with Reading Carol Concert – free

In our own series the last piano concert of the year is on Monday 19th December and the last Organ concert is on 20th December when our wonderful choir and organist will lead us in carols and readings for Christmas.

Piano concerts resume on Monday 9th January and organ concerts on Tuesday 10th January.

Gift No. 3 - Wedding

Emily Paterson-Morgan & Stefan Choynowski will be married on Saturday 17th December at 2.30pm. We pray for God's blessing on them.

Gift No. 4 - Fundraising activities

So far, we have raised £510.16 with 22 supporters with Easyfundraising. Please join easyfundraising at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencejewry/> and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

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.

Gift No. 5 - Giving online

We also have an online giving facility in our website through [Stewardship Give.Net](#). By just click the [Support Us](#) button in our homepage, you can now donate online by using either your debit or credit card. Please spread this good news!

Gift No. 6 - Confirmation

We are planning to organise a Confirmation Service for those who are interested to become a fully-fledge member of the Church of England Church. Please email [David](#) for further details.

Gift No. 7 - St Lawrence Jewry Books

What can you give someone who already have most of what he/she needs? The answer is: give him/her one of the St Lawrence Jewry books.

St Lawrence Jewry Pitkin Guide	-	£7.00
The Rules for the Conduct of Life 2 nd Edition	-	£7.00
The Windows of St Lawrence Jewry	-	£7.00

Buy any two (2) for just £10. [Arnel](#) can even wrap them up for you for any donation towards the church. Please contact him if you wish to order them.

More Gifts to come

Plow Monday Service – 9th January 2016 at 5:30pm. Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are in attendance. This is the service in which we pray for the staff and work of the City of London Corporation at the beginning of another year.

Church Opening Times

The church will be closed from lunch time 22nd December 2016 until 2nd January 2017. We will open our door again starting 3rd January 2017.

As one year is about to end, we give our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who have been involved, in one way or another, with St Lawrence Jewry this year. It has been a very busy year for us that brought lots of joy in our hearts. To all the livery companies down to the single individual who have given their supports to us, words are not enough to thank you all.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed new year to come.

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