



St Stephen Walbrook

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#Joytotheworld



Bring #JoyToTheWorld with
www.AChristmasNearYou.org

This Christmas the Church of England will be launching a new website inviting people across the country to attend local parish services at Christmas.

On the 1st of December www.AChristmasNearYou.org will be live for anyone to be able to find the nearest Christmas services to them (or search for services in a particular location), including those at St Stephen Walbrook. It will be able to filter by date, whether there will be carols and accessibility such as wheelchair access, sign language and parking and more. They'll also be able to find which Christmas services are serving mince pies or mulled wine! For smartphones, the website will be able to use geolocation to find where the person is and show which Christmas services are happening nearest to them.

To promote the website and accompanying Christmas social media campaign, there will be four videos on the theme of Christmas Joy. The videos star Gogglebox vicar Kate Bottley, comedian Paul Kerensa, Matt Woodcock and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons Rose Hudson Wilkin - each talking about a moment of Christmas Joy in their lives.

Commenting on the new plans the Rev Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council, said: "We think a perfect Christmas includes a Church Christmas. No matter how good the dinner or how expensive the present, a deeper joy is to be found in Church at Christmas. "Whether it's midnight mass, a nativity play, a carol service of the joy of welcoming the Christ child on Christmas day, the best kind of Christmas involves a visit to Church."

Discover & explore

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of Grocers.”*

The next series of Discover & explore services of musical discovery will explore significant figures in the history of St Stephen Walbrook. Services will be led by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields with input from Revds Jonathan Evens, Alastair McKay and Sally Muggeridge.

All Discover & explore services begin at 1.10pm:

- 9 January - John Dunstable (Music)
- 16 January - Sir Christopher Wren (Architecture)
- 23 January - Thomas Watson (Preaching)
- 30 January - Sir John Vanbrugh (Drama)
- 6 February - Thomas Wilson (Patronage)
- 13 February - Half Term break
- 20 February - George Croly (Poetry)
- 27 February - George Griffin Stonestreet (Insurance)
- 6 March - Robert S. de Courcey Laffan (Sport)
- 13 March - Chad Varah (Charity)
- 20 March - Henry Moore (Sculpture)
- 27 March - Lanning Roper (Gardening)
- 3 April - Patrick Heron (Art)
- 10 April - Peter Delaney (Internet)

Discover & explore services have been described as “perfect services of peace in our busy lives” and explore their themes through a thoughtful mix of music, prayers, readings and reflections.

Discover & explore service series are supported by The Worshipful Company of Grocers, for whose generous support we are most grateful.

Knights Templar Advent Carol Service

We are pleased to host the Grand Priory of England of the Knights Templar again on this occasion for their Advent Carol Service.

This Service on Saturday 3rd December at 5.00pm will mix readings and carols under the guidance of their Master of Music, Dr Michael Walsh, and The Reverend Dr Gordon Giles KOTJ, Grand Chaplain-General. All are welcome for a service which gives the opportunity of looking at some themes other than the obvious Christmas stories and where the Knights and Dames provide some extra 'colour' with their robes and banners.



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Carol & Christmas Services

Fight for Sight Christmas Carol Concert - 6 December, 6.30pm

Join Fight for Sight for a celebration of Christmas for all the family featuring popular carols and festive readings. Guest readers include BBC Radio 4 broadcaster Sue MacGregor and presenter and broadcaster Jan Leeming. The concert will also include Imperial College Choir. Tickets £25 (adult) £10 (child) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fight-for-sight-christmas-carol-concert-tickets-25676854162#tickets>.



Carols by Candlelight - 7th December, 7.30pm

Carols by Candlelight is back for another year of song and Christmassy merriment in aid of Michael Varah Memorial Fund. The stunning Vasari singers, legendary Richard Stilgoe and vast amounts of mince pies will be ready and waiting. Tickets £30 (pew seats) or £20 (bench seats - restricted view) - www.michaelvarahfund.org or email: michaelvarahfund@btinternet.com.



Carols for the Animals - 8 December, 6.30pm

Join International Animal Rescue in a celebration for all the animals at Christmas. Traditional carols, music from the fabulous Massive Violins, mulled wine and mince pies plus readings by special guests including actor Peter Egan. Sing your heart out this Christmas whilst raising money for the work of International Animal Rescue which rescues animals from cruelty and suffering around the world. Tickets £25 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carols-for-the-animals-tickets-27928993371>.



Parish Carols by Candlelight - 14 December, 6.00pm

Arrive early to get a seat for our free, popular Parish Carol Service led by Revds Jonathan Evens and Sally Muggeridge with St Stephen's Voices and organist Joe Sentance. The service will include 'Sir Christèmas' - Mathias, 'Bethlehem Down' - Warlock, and 'Gaudete' - arr. Jenkins. Join us after the service for mince pies and mulled wine.



Midnight Mass - 24 December, 11.30pm

Join us for the first Communion of Christmas where St Stephen's Voices and organist Joe Sentance will lead us 'Missa Brevis in D, K194' - Mozart and 'Sussex Carol' - arr. Ledger. The service will be followed by mince pies and hot drinks.



Autumn 2016 events

Our autumn 2016 events included: Radio 4 Morning Worship for Great Fire 350 and a feature on Songs of Praise; Great Fire 350 concert (Myriad Singers) and play (Historia Theatre Company); exhibitions by the Glass Sellers company, commission4mission and Kim Poor; performances by dancers from the Royal Ballet and Ballet Rambert, plus concert pianist Riyad Nicolas and singer-songwriter Katya DJ; art talks by Richard North, Edward Lucie-Smith and Jonathan Evens; and a Memorial Service for the life of Susan de Mont.



Richard North - commission4mission exhibition



Radio 4 Morning Worship



Fernando Montaña of The Royal Ballet



Riyad Nicolas, pianist



Reflection exhibition



Kim Poor exhibition

Walbrook Art Club

Walbrook Art Club Advent programme

This year's Walbrook Art Club Advent programme will be themed on the faith inspired work by the Pre-Raphaelites. There will be lectures on three Wednesday afternoons starting from 13:00pm at St Stephen Walbrook as usual, from 30th November to 21st December 2016.

Dharshan Thenuwara will be giving all three lectures:

- Wednesday 30th November 2016 - William Morris and his faith inspired art work
- Wednesday 7th December 2016 - Burne Jones and his religious art
- Wednesday 21st December 2016 - The Pre-Raphaelite brotherhood religious pictures

Please note that there is no lecture on 14th December 2016. All the above lectures are free but voluntary donations directly to St Stephen's are welcomed. Please RSVP directly to: darshan.dfge@outlook.com.

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London Ablaze

To mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire, which occurred between 2nd and 5th September 1666, the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London, a City Livery Company, chose 10 London secondary schools each to design a piece of glass artwork on the theme of the Great Fire, in collaboration with a leading contemporary glass artist. The resulting works from these collaborations were displayed at St Stephen Walbrook and Hatfield House in September. Eight of the schools involved have close associations with other City Livery Companies.

Early in 2016 the Glass Sellers' Company selected ten artists and ten schools, allocating an artist to each school. Up to 15 students in Year 8 or 9 (age range 13-15) were chosen by each school to work with the artist. The process started by pupils learning about what happened during the Great Fire. They then worked with the artist for at least a day to design a work that interpreted the pupils' vision of the Great Fire. The artists then produced the works in their studios.

The ten works were judged, with the winning school, teacher, pupils and artist receiving a glass work made especially by Andrey Bennett and presented by The Lord Mayor. The winner was announced at a reception in St Stephen Walbrook. City of London Academy Islington was winner of the Glass Sellers' Great Fire Schools Project and Holy Family Catholic School, Walthamstow were the runners-up.



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London Internet Church

The London Internet Church (LIC) is a gathered global community which meets online to worship, enquire, encourage and pray at londoninternetchurch.org.uk/.

So through LIC you can join with the more than 25,000 people throughout the world who, since 2006, have placed prayers on the prayer board or lit a candle on the webpage. When you pray or light a candle online, your prayer will be prayed by the LIC community and once a week a candle is lit in the church of St Stephen Walbrook.



Using St Stephen Walbrook

We welcome enquiries about weddings, baptisms and memorial services from those working in the area and, with its breath-taking interior, St Stephen Walbrook is used by many businesses and institutions for Carol Services and other social functions throughout the year. We are in the heart of the City, conveniently next to Bank Station and two minutes from Cannon Street.

We would be delighted to give you more information and show you around. If you would like to explore how your business or organisation might use the building, please do get in touch.

Music at St Stephen Walbrook

Tuesday music recitals

Music recitals are organised by the Walbrook Music Trust each Tuesday at 1.00pm. These are concerts which provide a platform for musicians and singers to hone their performance skills. The Walbrook Music Trust was established as a registered charity in October 2007. Its founders had a vision to further the appreciation of music in the City of London using St Stephen Walbrook as the primary venue. See @Walbrookmus and www.facebook.com/walbrookmus?fref=ts for news of these free chamber music recitals.

Thursday Choral Eucharist

Our Choral Eucharist includes a mass setting, introit, a motet, and a congregational hymn every Thursday at 12.45pm. These services are followed by a light lunch.

Friday Organ Recitals

Our Friday Organ Recitals, organized by our organist Joe Sentance, are given by visiting organists with a varied programme of works often taking into account the season of the church. Recitals are free and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

St Stephen's Serenades with the Lord Mayor

Free monthly recitals from 5.30 - 6.15pm on the last Friday in the month. This ongoing series begins on 25th November with guitarist Michael Butten.

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