



# St Stephen Walbrook

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## Business Harvest Festival



At St Stephen Walbrook we have a tradition that companies in the parish designate someone to bring an object to represent their work and to place it on the altar as a symbol at the beginning of our Business Harvest Festival service.

Businesses and organisations representing the work found in the Parish of St Stephen last year included: Arthur J Gallagher, The City of London Police, The Don Restaurant and ‘Sign of the Don’, Rynda Property Investors, Vestra Wealth LLP, The Friends of the City Churches, U3A, London Internet Church, City of London Corporation, Sir Robert McAlpine, Christian Aid, commission4mission, Walbrook Music Trust, Threadneedle Asset Management, Central London Samaritans, British Arab Commercial Bank and Coq d’Argent, among others.

Among the items placed on the Henry Moore designed altar during 2015’s Service were a PCSO’s black bowler, bolts, bronze and glass from local construction sites, paintings and drawings, a variety of reports and brochures, bread, wine and fruit, a hi-vis jacket, and a telephone representing the work of Samaritans.

**This year our Business Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday 6th October at 12.45pm. All are welcome.**

## Discover & explore

*Discover & explore is  
"like a little jewel with a  
number of facets drawing  
us in and lighting our  
path."*

The latest series of Discover & explore services of musical discovery will explore themes of stewardship & finance. We 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:

- Monday 3rd October: Time
- Monday 10th October: Talents
- Monday 17th October: Treasure/Gold
- Monday 24th October: Guidance
- Monday 31st October: Promises (All Souls)
- Monday 7th November: Safety
- Monday 14th November: Money
- Monday 21st November: Security

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.



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## Knights Templar Advent Carol Service

In May we hosted the investiture of a Knight to the Grand Priory of England of the Knights Templar. We are pleased to host the Knights Templar again in December 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 Graham St. John-Willey, 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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## Autumn Art Exhibitions

**Reflection, commission4mission group show, Tuesday 6th - Friday 16th September, Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm.**  
**Launch reception, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm, all are welcome.**  
**Lecture - 'St Stephen Walbrook & modern Church commissions' by Revd Jonathan Evens. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1.00pm & 5.00pm.**

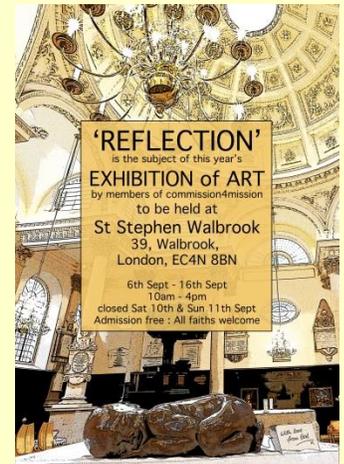
commission4mission encourages churches to commission contemporary art. This will be the group's fourth exhibition in the setting of St Stephen Walbrook. The theme of the show will be 'Reflection' and, as in previous years, will feature a wide variety of work from longstanding and new members. 'Reflection' is intended as a broad theme open to wider interpretation. Their artists will showcase their individual engagements with this theme and we hope that the range and variety of work, both in terms of content and media, will give pleasure and prompt reflection. Exhibiting artists include: Hayley Bowen, Christopher Clack, Valerie Dean, Jonathan Evens, Michael Garaway, John Gentry, Clorinda Goodman, Tim Harrold, Anthony Hodgson, Janet Roberts and Peter Webb, among others.

**The Shadow of Angels - Kim Poor, Monday 3rd - Friday 28th October, Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Brazilian artist Kim Poor will exhibit a series of paintings in various mediums, including her unique technique of glass fused on steel plate, baptised 'Diaphanism' by Salvador Dali. She is based in London and Rio de Janeiro and her work has been exhibited worldwide, most recently in Brazil, Belgium & Greece, with successful solo shows at the Museum of Modern Art in Rio and in São Paulo. The theme of the exhibition, which is curated by Edward Lucie-Smith, is the universal appeal of angels and their presence and significance in our lives. Their iconography has been a unifying force throughout time and appears in all religions and cultures. Especially in these troubled times angels represent our need for reassurance in a very unstable world. They are our protectors, guides and spiritual messengers; a bridge between us and the Divine.

**National Society of Painters, Sculptors & Printmakers, Monday 21st November - Friday 2nd December, Monday - Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm**

The second group show by National Society artists to be held at St Stephen Walbrook. The National Society was formed in 1930 to meet a growing desire among artists of every creed and outlook for an annual exhibition in London, which would embrace all aspects of art under one roof, without prejudice or favour to anyone. Its members have included: Mark Gertler, Jack B Yeats, L S Lowry, David Bomberg, W Russell Flint, Henry Moore, Bernard Meninsky, William Nicholson, Graham Sutherland, C R W Nevinson, Frank Dobson and Bernard Adams among others.



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## Great Fire 350

***London Ablaze: the Glass Sellers' Great Fire Schools Project* exhibition, Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September, 10.00am - 4.00pm**

As part of celebrations to mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire, the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers has chosen 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 will be on display at an exhibition, *London Ablaze*, at St Stephen Walbrook on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September (10am-4pm). The Friday is the 350th anniversary of the day the Great Fire started.

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 have then produced the works in their studios.



The ten works are also being judged, with the winning school, teacher, pupils and artist receiving a glass work made especially by Andrey Bennett. The winner will be announced at a reception in the Church on the evening of Thursday 1st September.

### **BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship, 8.00am, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

The Rt Revd Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, will lead this service at St Stephen Walbrook to mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire. All are welcome for a service which will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4.



### **Other Events & Services**

Around the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London, there are a number of events happening in city churches including, a new opera, *And London Burned* at Temple Church (28/10); a day of events at St Andrew by the Wardrobe (06/09), and the City Churches celebration at St Mary at Hill, with a procession to the Monument (02/09). For more information, see [www.london.anglican.org/events/](http://www.london.anglican.org/events/) and [www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350](http://www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350).

## Summer 2016 events

Our summer 2016 events included an Ascension Day visit from the Knights Templar, an art exhibition by Joe Machine which featured a concert by Claudio Crismani and a Poetry Evening organized with the London Magazine, a Eucharist and Afternoon Tea for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, a Thanksgiving Service for the Lord Mayor, Discover & explore services on various saints, the Priesting of our Curate Revd Sally Muggeridge, a Women in the City networking event and our Evensong for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by a Garden Party.



Knights Templar (©www.nikigorick.com)



St Stephen by Joe Machine



Claudio Crismani concert



Edward Lucie Smith, Poet



Sally Muggeridge - Priesting



Glen Moreno speaking at Women in the City

## 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.

### Red House tours

To complement this year's Advent Lectures a series of special tours related to the lectures have been organised at 1 Red House, Bexleyheath, William Morris's house at Red House Lane, Bexleyheath. A National Trust property. Nearest station Bexleyheath, Kent. Zone 6. Please bring your National Trust or Art fund cards for free entry. Pre booking with Dharshan Thenuwara essential - darshan.dfge@outlook.com:

- Wednesday 14th September, 2016 - Meet 12 to 12.30pm for 13.00 start.
- Saturday 17th September 2016 - Meet at 14.00 for 14.30 start at Red House.
- Wednesday 21st September 2016 at Red House - Meet 12 to 12.30pm for 13.00 start.

The above tours last approximately 2 hours. The property closes at 5pm. Guided tour of house and garden by Dharshan Thenuwara who is a NT guide at Red House. There is a café and lavatories on site.

### Walbrook Art Society National Gallery Tours 2016

In addition to the above, Darshan will also give guided tours at the National Gallery to Walbrook Art Club members on:

- Monday 10th October, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 18th October, 12 noon.
- Friday 21st October, 12 noon.
- Saturday 22nd October, 2.00pm.

Please RSVP directly to darshan.dfge@outlook.com.

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*'La Ghirlandata', 1873 by Dante Gabriel Rossetti (Guildhall Art Gallery)*

## 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/](http://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](http://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, and a motet (as well as 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.

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