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Here at City Events, we feel justified in permitting ourselves a degree of optimism in recommencing publication, albeit in a somewhat different form. On 17 March 2020, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York instructed all the churches in their jurisdiction to suspend public services until further notice. When the most stringent demands of lockdown were relaxed, a number of the churches reopened, with certain restrictions, holding services either online or actually in the church itself. A small number of recitals are being held either in public or online.

The information here was obtained from careful examination of the churches' own websites, and includes links to each. It must be stressed that information regarding church openings is liable to change, particularly in view of changing guidelines for gathering in groups. Thus, we have not published opening times but strongly advise readers who wish to visit a particular City church to check its website for the latest information.

We intend to keep a watchful eye on the accessibility of the churches and what is permitted to take place in them. For current COVID-19 guidance for churches from the Church of England, please visit www.churchofengland.org for [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for churches](#). This site will report updates and changes, and provide current advice and recommendations. It should be noted that the Prime Minister has emphasised that we can draw comfort from the fact that places of worship are staying open.

It should be remembered that social distancing and face coverings in a church are **mandatory**. While many churches are providing hand sanitiser at the door, most churches will **not** be providing masks for visitors, so it is important to wear your own mask. Further details of social distancing and other requirements should be made clear at each church.

Returning to the 'new' City Events, this version is in a different format from usual. Thus, in this edition, we focus on listing the City of London churches which are open to the public, and whether they are holding services. A necessarily short section on forthcoming recitals follows, again with the proviso that circumstances may change on short notice so visitors are always advised to check with the church beforehand.

The usual publication and distribution of the printed edition of City Events will have to wait until restrictions on access have been lifted completely. Thus, City Events will be published at intervals, online only, at this stage. To this end we will be numbering the online edition of City Events with the specific date of publication. Initially, City Events will cover a two-week period because of the possible variability of timings of services and events. This may be extended as and when more City churches open their doors and possibly normalise their opening times and resume regular events in the church.

We hope this special version of City Events will provide a useful basic guide to what is currently taking place in City churches. Suffice to say we are very pleased to be able to resume publication after a long absence. Again we must stress the necessity for readers to check the arrangements for each church by visiting the website of that church. Finally we sincerely hope that the title of this front page (the inscription to be seen above the south door of a certain City church) will be justified.

□ The Friends of the City Churches, Church of St Mary Abchurch, Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BA Visit: www.london-city-churches.org.uk for more information and our [City Church Finder](#).

City of London Churches that are currently open or are accessible online

Information correct to 22 September 2020. It is essential that readers visit each church's own website for the latest information regarding opening times and details of services, as changes may occur at short notice. Each church may also have particular COVID-19 compliance requirements.

Details of forthcoming recitals are listed separately on the last page; these may also change on short notice, so visitors are strongly advised to check before travelling.

Visitors and worshippers are required to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing in line with current regulations; for detailed guidelines and information sheets, please visit the Church of England's [Coronavirus Guidance for Churches](#).

All Hallows by the Tower (www.ahbtt.org.uk)

Open for private prayer seven days a week. Services on Wednesday and Sunday.

St Andrew by the Wardrobe (www.standrewbythewardrobe.org)

Open most days for private prayer. A monthly Monday Mass is held.

St Andrew Holborn (standrewholborn.org.uk)

Usually open Monday to Friday. Services are held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

St Bartholomew the Great (greatstbarts.com) & St Bartholomew the Less

Open every day for private prayer. Public and online services are held in the church on Sunday and the first Thursday of the month. This site also includes information on **St Bartholomew the Less** (www.greatstbarts.com/about/st-barts-the-less).

St Botolph Aldersgate (www.stbotolphsaldersgate.org.uk)

The Aldersgate Tuesday Talks are held online. For the programme up to December 2020 please visit the website and follow the link to [Aldersgate Talks](#).

St Botolph Aldgate (stbotolphs.org.uk)

Open Tuesday for private prayer. Eucharist is held on Sunday in the church. Other online events may be held on Sunday.

St Botolph Bishopsgate (botolph.org.uk)

Open Monday to Friday for private prayer and as a place of sanctuary. There is a Choral Mass on Wednesday and a said Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

St Bride Fleet Street (www.stbrides.com)

Open seven days a week. There is a public Choral Eucharist service on Sunday. Online services are also available. Public recitals are held in the church on Tuesday and Friday (see page 5 of this edition for details).

St Dunstan in the West (stdunstaninthewest.org)

Open Monday to Friday for private prayer and quiet reflection. There is a public service of Mass on Tuesday, which is also available via Zoom.

St Ethelburga's Centre (stethelburgas.org)

A number of events are scheduled for the coming months: details on the website.

St Giles Cripplegate (stgilesnewsite.co.uk)

Open Monday to Friday for private prayer. A public Parish Eucharist service is held on Sunday. A public service is held in the church Monday to Thursday. Private prayer and reflection is held in the church on the first Thursday of the month.

St Helen Bishopsgate (st-helens.org.uk)

Four public services are held in the church on Sunday. The services are also online. To attend a service, worshippers are requested to register online before visiting the church, and to bring their own Bibles, notebooks and pens. Weekday talks are held on Tuesday and Thursday.

St James Garlickhythe (stjamesgarlickhythe.org)

Open Monday to Thursday and Sunday. There is a public Sung Eucharist service on Sunday. Morning Prayer, Eucharist and Evening Prayer are held in the church for the public, Monday to Thursday.

St Katharine Cree (stkatharinecree.com)

All services are held online, on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

St Lawrence Jewry (stlawrencejewry.org.uk)

Open Monday to Friday for personal prayer. Public services of Holy Communion are held on Wednesday and Friday.

St Magnus the Martyr (stmagnusmartyr.org.uk)

Open Sunday and Tuesday to Friday. Public services are held in the church on Sunday (Solemn Mass), Tuesday to Friday (Low Mass).

St Margaret Lothbury (stml.org.uk)

Open Monday to Friday. Public services are held on Tuesday (Holy Communion) and Wednesday (Informal Worship); both services are also held online. Public Organ Recitals are held on Tuesday (see page 5 of this edition for details).

St Mary Abchurch (www.london-city-churches.org.uk)

Open Monday to Thursday for private prayer from 11:00 until 15:00. A public service of Holy Communion is held on Wednesday at 12:30. There is a public organ recital on Tuesday (see page 5 of this edition for details).

St Mary Aldermary (moot.uk.net)

Open Monday to Friday for private prayer.

St Mary at Hill (www.stmary-at-hill.org)

Open Monday to Thursday for private prayer. Services on Thursday held via Zoom.

St Mary le Bow (www.stmarylebow.org.uk)

Open Monday to Friday, with public prayer services in the church, some of which are streamed live. A public service of Eucharist is held on Wednesday.

St Michael Cornhill (www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15372)

The church does not appear to be open on a regular basis. There is usually a service in Mandarin on Sundays. Organ Recitals are held online on Monday (see page 5 of this edition for details).

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (www.stnickschurch.org.uk)

The church does not appear to be open apart from services. There is a public service in the church on Sunday, and a public talk on Thursday (www.stnickstalks.org). Both are streamed via Zoom, and recent talks can be seen again via the [sermons archive](#).

St Olave Hart Street (saintolave.com)

Open Tuesday and Thursday for individual prayer. There is a public service in the church on Sunday, which is streamed via Zoom. Recitals have resumed (see page 5 of this edition for details).

St Sepulchre Newgate / Holy Sepulchre London (hsl.church)

The church does not appear to be open apart from services. There are public services in the church on Sunday and Tuesday, which are available online for a week thereafter. Alpha Online runs on Tuesday evenings via Zoom.

St Stephen Walbrook (ststephenwalbrook.net)

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday's public service of Eucharist in the church is now without the choir, but preceded by a short separate performance Choral Classics. Tuesday's Stop:Start reflections are currently online. Wednesday's Morning Prayer is offered as a conference call. Details and recordings of previous services on the website.

St Vedast alias Foster (vedast.org.uk)

Open Monday to Friday for prayer, contemplation and to light a candle. Public Parish Mass on Sunday morning, mid-day Mass Monday to Friday, with Meditation on Monday. Recorded services available through the church's own [YouTube channel](#).

Temple Church (templechurch.com)

Open Monday to Friday for private prayer for those working/living in the Temple/Chambers only. Choral Evensong resumes in October; updates on the website.

The Dutch Church (www.dutchchurch.org.uk)

Sunday service in Dutch, with a recording of the most recent service on the home page of the website. Private tours are available Monday to Thursday by appointment only (please call 020 7588 1684).

St Mary Moorfields (parish.rcdow.org.uk/moorfields)

Open for prayer Monday to Friday. Public services of Mass on Sunday morning, and lunchtime daily, Monday to Friday. Information concerning **St Joseph Bunhill Row** can also be found on this website: Mass on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, private prayer on Friday.

**Events and Recitals:
Monday, 28 September, to Friday, 9 October 2020**

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

- 1300 **St Michael Cornhill**
Virtual Organ Recital: Simon Hogan
Programme:
A kaleidoscopic selection of beautiful music by Bach, Laurin, Bingham and Stanford.
For more information and a link to Zoom, please visit [Services and Events](#) on the church's website.
- 1300 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Choral Classics Online
Music and Readings with the Choral Scholars
Thirty minutes of sublime choral music from our Choral Scholars interspersed with readings on a theme.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

- 1230 **St Mary Abchurch**
Public Organ Recital: Ian Shaw
The recital will usually include an improvisation.
- 1315 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public Recital: James Woodrow, guitar
Programme:
Denis Gaultier – Suite in D major
Jehan Alain (arr. J Woodrow) – *Il pleuvra toute la journée*
Maurice Ravel (arr. Gubby/Duarte) – *Pavane pour une infante défunte*
J S Bach – Lute Suite in D minor, BWV 997
Free Admittance – Retiring Collection

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

- 1215 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Choral Classics Live
Music and Readings with the Choral Scholars
Thirty minutes of sublime choral music from our Choral Scholars interspersed with readings on a theme.
- 1300 **St Olave Hart Street**
Public Song Recital: Luci Briginshaw, soprano; Eleanor Meynell, piano
Programme: Songs by Peter Warlock
Free Admission – Voluntary Collection
- 1310 **All Hallows by the Tower**
Organ recitals are currently suspended, but recordings of Organist and Director of Music Jonathan Melling are online at www.ahbtt.org.uk/organ-recitals.
- 1310 **St Margaret Lothbury**
Public Organ Recital: Richard Townend
'A European Organ Tour' N^o 1
Please visit stml.org.uk for social distancing requirements.

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

- 1230 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Organ Recitals resume on October 29; please check the [church calendar](#) for details.
- 1315 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public Recital: James Kirby, piano
Programme:
Chopin – Nocturne in F Op 15 N^o 1
Chopin – Nocturne in A flat Op 32 N^o 2
Beethoven – Sonata N^o 32 in C minor Op 111
This work is the last of Beethoven's piano sonatas
Free Admittance – Retiring Collection

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

- 1300 **St Michael Cornhill**
Virtual Organ Recital: Jonathan Rennert
Programme:
Rheinberger – Sonata in E flat minor
Music by Gibbons and Stanley
For more information and a link to Zoom, please visit [Services and Events](#) on the church's website.
- 1300 **St Stephen Walbrook**
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TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

- 1230 **St Mary Abchurch**
Public Organ Recital: Ian Shaw
The recital will usually include an improvisation.
- 1315 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public Recital: Robert Jones – piano
Programme:
J S Bach – Prelude and Fugue in A major (48 Preludes and Fugues, Book 2 BWV 888)
Mozart – Sonata in A minor N^o 8 K 310/300d
Mendelssohn – Prelude and Fugue in D major Op 35 N^o 2
Chopin – Three Studies: Étude Op 10 N^o 3 'Tristesse'; Étude, Op 25 N^o 1; Étude, Op 10 N^o 12 'Revolutionary'
Free Admittance – Retiring Collection

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

- 1300 **St Olave Hart Street**
Public Recital: Roberto Ruisi, violin; Yulia Chaplina, piano
Programme:
Beethoven – Violin Sonata N^o 9 Op 47 ('Kreutzer')
Free Admission – Voluntary Collection
- 1300 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Walbrook Community Choir
Please visit the [church calendar](#) for details.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

- 1300 **St Olave Hart Street**
Public Recital
For more information please visit saintolave.com/recitals.
- 1310 **St Margaret Lothbury**
Public Organ Recital: Richard Townend
'A European Organ Tour' N^o 2
Please visit stml.org.uk for social distancing requirements.

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

- 1230 **St Stephen Walbrook**
Organ Recitals resume on October 29; please check the [church calendar](#) for details.
- 1315 **St Bride Fleet Street**
Public Recital: The Gaillard Trio (Martin White, oboe, cor anglais; Andrew Morris, flute, piccolo; Alec Forshaw, piano)
Programme:
Dvořák – Slavonic Dance in A flat major Op 46 N^o 3
Telemann – Oboe Sonata in A minor TWV 41:A3
Britten – Three folk song arrangements (*The Trees They Grow So High, The Ash Grove, The Salley Gardens*)
Ravel – 'Mother Goose' suite
Free Admittance – Retiring Collection