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The first part of this edition of City Events consists of a completely revised set of information giving details of the opening hours of City churches and the online services being held in them, the revision being required because of the restrictions inherent in the new period of lockdown. Needless this has required a considerable amount of consultation of the websites of the churches concerned and it is hoped that readers will be appreciative of the detailed work carried out.

Inevitably the Events content of the two weeks covered by this edition of City Events will be much reduced because of the current lockdown which is in place until Wednesday 2nd December. Nevertheless several City churches will be holding online events. The first of these be the regular online organ recital at **St Michal Cornhill on Monday 16th November** Thomas Allery (St Mary le Bow and Temple Church) will be giving a recital with the intriguing title of 'Handel meets Ann Mounsey Bartholomew – but not in the Strand'. Among the list of pieces to be performed will be a work by the female composer named in the title. Your writer has to confess that he had never heard of her until receiving the recital information. Doubtless professional musicians and keen students of organ music will be in a more privileged position. A modest degree of research reveals that she was born in 1811 in an address in Soho. She was a pianist, organist and composer, performing at concerts and as an accompanist. She became the organist at several London churches, including St Vedast alias Foster, where she served for nearly 50 years, and she composed a large number of songs, part-songs, hymns and works for piano and organ. In 1845 she performed as accompanist at the premiere at Crosby Hall of *Hear My Prayer*, the well-known anthem by Felix Mendelssohn for soprano solo, chorus and organ, and in 1853 married its librettist, William Bartholomew (1793–1867). Your writer hopes to be forgiven for digressing from the musical themes of this article by noting that Crosby Hall, a City house dating from the 15th century, belonging to Sir John Crosby, a wool merchant and alderman, and dating from the 15th century, once stood in Bishopsgate and was moved in 1910 to its present site in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, where it now forms part of a private residence. Ann Mounsey Bartholomew died in 1891. In Thomas Allery's recital the work by Handel (1685-1759) will be the overture to his opera *Athalia* which was composed in 1733. With other interesting works listed below in the entry in the third section this recital promises to be a musical feast.

At **St Bride Fleet Street on Tuesday 17th November** an online recital will be accessible which first took place as a public recital on Tuesday 20th October when the duo entitled *Walker Rowlands* gave a recital with the unique use of bagpipes as their instruments. The two instrumentalists were Chris Walker who will be played the Uilleann bagpipes and David Rowlands who played the Border bagpipes. The two kinds of bagpipes are interesting in that the air to blow the chanter and drones is supplied from a set of bellows strapped under the player's right or left arm. Thus the two kinds of bagpipes have similarity in that air from the bellows is dry which keeps the reeds drier, which keeps the instrument in tune as well as greatly extending the life of the reed. The two players decided to use their surnames in the order Walker Rowlands as a cultural link to Walter Jackson, an old and revered Irish piper and publisher of an early book of tunes for pipes. The music in the recital was largely from the eighteenth century, though the repertoire included some nineteenth century pieces for balance, and because they liked them (and they hoped the audience would too).

Finally at **Temple Church on Sunday 22nd November** Roger Sayer will be giving the last in his series 'Vierne 150', celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Vierne (1870-1937) in which he will have performed all six of Vierne's Organ Symphonies. Vierne is regarded as one of the most significant organ composers since Bach. In spite of being nearly blind and having to use Braille he was a renowned improviser and was organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for 37 years. It is a sad fact of music history that he died whilst playing at the console of the organ at Notre Dame during one of his recitals. The content of this final recital in the series will be balanced with some of the finest British organ music. The recital will be viewable on *YouTube*. Details of access to the recital are given at the listing in the final section of this edition of City Events.

It is our hope that with the expected lifting of lockdown restrictions in early December there will be a return to the mix of public and online recitals in the City churches and thus a return to a fuller listing of events in them.

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 the location of the churches in the City

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The information given below is mainly that obtained from church websites at 11 November 2020. Whilst every effort has been made to make this survey as accurate as possible it is essential that readers visit each church's own website for the latest information regarding opening times and times and other details of services, as changes may occur at short notice. It should be remembered that each church may also have particular COVID-19 compliance requirements.

Details of forthcoming online recitals are listed in a separate section at the end. These may also change at short notice. 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 at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online

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

Open: For private prayer:
Monday to Friday 11.00 to 14.00 for private prayer
Sunday 13.00 to 17.00

Online Services: Need to obtain login details beforehand - for information about how to obtain these and further information see website and follow the link from Online Worship
Sunday 11.00 Sunday service
Wednesday 0830 Morning Prayer
Wednesday 1800 Taizé service every two weeks

St Andrew by the Wardrobe (standrewbythewardrobe.org)

Open: Most days for private prayer 08.00 to 18.00

St Andrew Holborn (standrewholborn.org.uk)

Open Usually open for private prayer Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 15.00

St Bartholomew the Great (greatstbarts.com)

Open: For private prayer:
Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 18.15 (closed on some days – please check website)
Sunday 16.00 to 18.15

Online Services: Sunday: 11.00 Choral Eucharist
18.30 Choral Evensong
For further information see website and follow the links from *Diary* and *What's On this Week*

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online – *continued*

St Bartholomew the Less (see greatstbarts.com)

Open: For private prayer daily 08.00 to 22.00

St Botolph Aldersgate (stbotolphsaldersgate.org.uk)

Online: Tuesday 13.10 to 13.40 Aldersgate Talks on Zoom
Need to obtain Zoom link beforehand - for details see website and follow the link from Aldersgate Talks

St Botolph Aldgate (stbotolphs.org.uk)

Open: Tuesday 12.00 to 14.00 for quiet individual prayer – please check with church

Online Services: Sunday 9.40 Online Sunday School (pre-school age)
10.00 Online Sunday School (school age)
10.30 Service of the Word

For further information about how to access services
please contact the church: admin@stbotolphs.org.uk

St Botolph Bishopsgate (botolph.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 12.00 to 15.00 (except during services) for private prayer and as a place of sanctuary

Online Services: Tuesday 13.10 Said Mass
Wednesday 13.10 Choral Mass with sermon
To access services see website – follow the links from Latest News and ‘New Lockdown and St Botolph’s’

St Bride Fleet Street (stbrides.com)

Open: Monday to Friday 08.00 to 17.00
Saturday 10.00 to 15.30
Sunday 09.30 to 16.00

Online Services: For details see website
Sunday 11.00 Online pre-recorded Choral Eucharist
17.30 Online pre-recorded Choral Evensong

Other Online Events: Tuesday 13.15 Online recorded recital on YouTube – available to listen afterwards
- for information see website

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online – continued

St Dunstan in the West (stdunstaninthewest.org)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 14.00 for private prayer and quiet reflection

Online Services: Tuesday 12.30 Mass – on Zoom – for information about how to obtain invitation to join Zoom service see website

St Edmund King & Martyr (London Centre for Spiritual Direction) (lcsd.org.uk)

For online events see website

St Ethelburga's Centre, Bishopsgate (stethelburgas.org)

Online Services: *Soul Space* – monthly online community gathering for people of all faiths and none to come together in prayer, contemplation and discussion

Next event: Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 12.30

Need to register in advance to receive the Zoom link - see website and follow the link from Events

Other online events: see website

St Giles Cripplegate (stgilesnewsite.co.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 16.00 for private prayer

First Thursday of the month 13.00 to 13.30 Private prayer and reflection

Online Services: Sunday 10.00 Parish Eucharist – for details see website

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

Online Services: More details and information about joining online services and talks are on the website – open the page 'St Helen's Live'

Sunday 10.30 Sunday morning service

14.00 Service for Mandarin speaking congregation

16.00 Service with an informal feel

18.00 Contemporary service with a younger feel

Tuesday 13.10 to 13.50 weekday talks:

St James Garlickhythe (stjamesgarlickhythe.org)

Open: Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 14.00

Online Services: Sunday 10.30 Eucharist

Monday to Thursday 12.15 Eucharist

There are three ways to share in the online worship:

On Facebook, use the link <https://www.facebook.com/Garlickhythe/>, like the page and you will be notified when live streaming is about to begin

Or find the St James Garlickhythe page on YouTube – follow the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2R7WbUSIa_VxVjoveNF1tw?view_as=subscriber and subscribe to the Channel

Or go to Twitter and search for [@handlt10](#)

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online – continued

St Katharine Cree (stkatharinecree.com)

Online Services: Wednesday 13.00 to 14.00 Informal praise – on Zoom To join go to the website, follow the link from What's On and scroll down to *I Like Modern Worship Music*

Thursday 13.00 to 13.50 Holy Communion - on Zoom To join go to the website, follow link from What's On and scroll down to *I Like a More Traditional Church Service*

St Lawrence Jewry (stlawrencejewry.org.uk)

Online Services: Friday 13.15 Holy Communion – see website

St Magnus the Martyr (stmagnusmartyr.org.uk)

Open: Usually open Tuesday and Friday 10.00 to 15.00 for private prayer

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Mass - online on Facebook – see website

St Margaret Lothbury (stml.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday Usually open 09.00 to 17.00 to pause or pray

Online Services: To access see website

Tuesday 13.10 Holy Communion – on YouTube

Wednesday 12.50 Informal Worship – on YouTube

St Mary Abchurch See home page of the **Friends of the City Churches** website:
london-city-churches.org.uk

Open: Wednesday 11.00 to 13.00 for private prayer

St Mary Aldermary (moot.uk.net)

Open: Website says open Monday to Friday 08.00 to 10.30 for private prayer

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

Open: Wednesday 12.00 to 14.00 for private prayer

Online Services: Thursday 12.00 Listen, Read and Pray - short service on Zoom – for information about how to join see website and follow the links from *Services Space to Be* – 15 minute guided meditation with the opportunity for stillness and focus Released on the second Thursday of each month - see website and follow the links from *Services* and from *Events*

Online Events: 18.45 to 19.30 on Second Thursday of month
Online music by Seraphim (St Mary at Hill choir) on Zoom
To buy tickets and for further information see website – follow links from *Events*

St Mary le Bow (stmarylebow.org.uk)

Open: Generally open Monday to Friday during daylight hours

Online Services: Thursday 18.00 Evening Prayer
Need to obtain a link in advance – please email info@stmarylebow.org.uk

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online – continued

St Michael Cornhill (Go to achurchnearyou.com and insert Cornhill in Location)

Online Services: Monday 18.00 to 18.40 Evensong - Online service with recorded choral music – see St Michael Cornhill page on *A Church Near You* website, under Services & Events

Online Events: Monday 13.00 Virtual organ recital on Zoom – see St Michael Cornhill page on *A Church Near You* website, under Services & Events

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (Sunday services - stnickschurch.org.uk Weekday talks - stnickstalks.org)

Online Services: For details see websites
Sunday 11.00 to 12.15 Sunday service
Thursday 13.05 to 13.35 Online talk

St Olave Hart Street (saintolave.com)

Open: Tuesday and Thursday 10.30 to 14.30 for individual prayer

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Service – see website for details of how to receive the service on Zoom

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

Online Services: For details see website
Sunday Online Sunday service with sermon at 11 and available afterwards
Tuesday Contemporary worship with sermon at 13.15 and available afterwards

St Stephen Walbrook (ststephenwalbrook.net)

Open: For individual prayer:
Wednesday 10.30 to 15.00
Thursday 9.00 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 16.00

Online Services: For details see website – see ‘Message from the Revd Stephen’
Monday 13.00 Online Choral Classics - 15 minutes of choral music and readings based on a different theme each week
Tuesday *Start: Stop* Weekly reflections - the church hopes to have this available online from Tuesday 16.00
Wednesday 09.00 Morning Prayer by telephone conference call – see website for information about how to join
Thursday 19.30 Communal Zoom call to which everyone is invited to participate to chat, listen and encourage one another, closing with a brief service of Compline – for details of Zoom link see website
Weekly Eucharist – church hopes to have video posted online from Saturday evening
Daily Night Prayer - access online through the ministry of the London Internet Church based at St Stephen Walbrook – new recording published at 00,00 each day and available at any time – see website

Anglican Churches in the City currently open or accessible online – *continued*

St Vedast alias Foster (vedast.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.30 to 15.00 for private prayer, contemplation, to light a candle

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Sunday Mass - on YouTube – see website
Monday to Friday 12.15 Mass - on YouTube – see website
Monday 13.05 to 13.30 Meditation – Need to obtain Zoom link in advance –
for information about how to obtain this see website

Temple Church (templechurch.com)

Open: Not open to the public, but those living /working in the Temple/Chambers who wish to enter the Church for private prayer can contact the Verger to arrange access

Online Services: See website for services on YouTube – video remains online for five days
Sunday 08.30 Holy Communion
11.15 Choral Mattins (Choral Holy Communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
Wednesday 17.45 Choral Evensong
Thursday 13.15 Holy Communion

Other Online Events: Wednesday 13.15 until 22 November - Online organ recital – see website

Non-Anglican Churches and Places of Worship in the City open or accessible online

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

Open: Monday to Friday 08.30 to 17.30 for private prayer – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30 to 13.30

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Mass – on Zoom – please email moorfields@rcdow.org.uk to obtain joining instructions

Dutch Church, Austin Friars (dutchchurch.org.uk) (Free Church)

Online Services: Sunday 11.00 Sunday service (in Dutch) – For details see website

City Temple (city-temple.com) (Free Church)

Redevelopment of building from December - last service before work begins will be on 29 November

Online Services: For details please email: info@city-temple.com

Churches open 'just over the City borders'

St Alban the Martyr Holborn (stalbansholborn.co.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday and Sunday 09.00 to 13.00 for individual prayer

St Etheldreda Ely Place (stetheldreda.com) (RC)

Open: Weekdays 10.00 to 15.30 for private prayer – please check on website

St Joseph Bunhill Row (see **St Mary Moorfields website - parish.rcdow.org.uk/moorfields**) (RC)

Open: Wednesday and Friday 11.30 to 12.30 for private prayer. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Online Services: Please see under St Mary Moorfields (above)

**Events and Recitals:
Monday 16 November to Sunday 22 November**

Monday 16 November

1300 St Michael Cornhill

Virtual Organ Recital: Thomas Allery

Handel meets Ann Mounsey Bartholomew – but not in the Strand

Programme:

Handel – Overture from *Athalia*

Orlando Gibbons – Fantasia in four parts

Ann Mounsey Bartholomew – Introduction and Fugue

J S Bach – The Giant Fugue

(Wir glauben all in einen Gott) BWV 680

Alec Rowley – *Benedictus*

Louis Vierne – *Hymn au soleil*

For more information concerning how to access the recital please search: '**St Michael Cornhill**' which will give a link:

'Events – St Michael Cornhill – A Church Near You'

Click on 'Services and Events' and follow the instructions to access Zoom

1300 St Stephen Walbrook [Online Choral Classics](#) –

Music and Readings with the Choral Scholars

Choral Classics at St Stephen Walbrook offer thirty minutes of sublime choral music from our Choral Scholars interspersed with readings on a theme.

To access please visit: <https://ststephenwalbrook.net/events> and follow the displayed link

Tuesday 17 November

1315 St Bride Fleet Street

Online Recital: We are delighted to present the duo

Walker Rowlands

Chris Walker – *Uilleann bagpipes* Dave Rowlands – *Border bagpipes*

This online recital has been created from a live recording of a recital at St Bride's Church on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

Programme:

The very full list included works by William Vickers (c 1770),

Nicolas Chédeville (1739), Michelle Corrette (1707-1795),

W P G Lopez, J B de Boismortier (1689-1755),

and traditional pieces by unknown composers

The programme will include a Suite – 'The Bells'.

This is a compilation of works by John Parry (pre 1841),

William Felton (1786) and William Vickers (c 1770)

and a traditional (pre 1761) march by an unknown composer

For more information please visit:

<http://www.stbrides.com/music/recitals.php>

and follow the link at 'Further Information'

There is more about this event in the article on the front page of this edition of City Events

Thursday 18 November

1310 All Hallows by the Tower

Organ Recital: Currently there are no organ recitals being held. However, you are encouraged to visit:

<https://www.ahbtt.org.uk/organ-recitals>

where you may access some interesting pieces played by

Jonathan Melling, Organist and Director of Music at the church

Sunday 22 November

1900 Temple Church Online Organ Recital

VIERNE 150

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Vierne!

Roger Sayer, Director of Music, presents six online concerts each featuring one of Vierne's six symphonies.

The final recital this evening will feature Symphony No 6

Watch online here: <https://www.youtube.com/rogersayerorganist>

Monday 23 November

1300 St Michael Cornhill

Virtual Organ Recital: Eleni Keventsidou

Programme:

This will include virtuoso works by Liszt and Reger

For more information concerning how to access the recital please refer to the entry in this section for Monday 16 November

1300 St Stephen Walbrook [Online Choral Classics](#) –

Music and Readings with the Choral Scholars

Choral Classics at St Stephen Walbrook offer thirty minutes of sublime choral music from our Choral Scholars interspersed with readings on a theme.

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Tuesday 24 November

1315 St Bride Fleet Street

Online Organ Recital: Pavlos Triantaris

For more information please visit:

<http://www.stbrides.com/music/recitals.php>

and follow the link at 'Further Information'

Thursday 26 November

1310 All Hallows by the Tower

Organ Recital: Currently there are no organ recitals being held.

However, you are encouraged to visit:

<https://www.ahbtt.org.uk/organ-recitals>

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