



City Events

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Much of the content of this first paragraph will have a definite air of *déjà-vu* about it bearing in mind that, understandably, the City churches are continuing to exercise a marked degree of caution regarding their plans for future 'live' recitals. For example there will be the unavoidable question of how many members of the public will be allowed to attend performances since it is most likely that some degree of social distancing will still be required. Thus we have to point out again that it has been made clear in previous online editions of City Events that the information contained in the listings we provide at two-weekly intervals is liable to change.

However, arising from the continuing research undertaken to produce the information contained in the following pages, readers are advised always to consult in advance the website of the City church they may wish to visit for the latest situation regarding access to the churches, be it in person or online. We have received from two City churches their forward plans for a return to live recitals. First to recommence live recitals will be **St Margaret Lothbury**, at which Richard Townend, the resident recitalist, will give an organ recital on Thursday 20th May at 1.10pm entitled "La Réjouissance" — Welcome back. Then, just over a week later at **St Bride Fleet Street** on Friday 28th May at 1.05pm Oliver Macfarlane will be giving an organ recital. It is to be expected that at these recitals government regulations regarding social distancing and the wearing of masks may still be in force. We will endeavour to ascertain such information for our readers together with the plans of other City churches as they return to giving live performances. So, basically we must say "Watch this space".

With regard to City Events our plans continue to be, for the time being, to continue to compile an online version covering a period of two weeks with an update at the weekend in the middle of that two week period. When we judge there to be a sufficient number of churches holding live recitals and concerts we will recommence publication of the printed version of City Events with copies being distributed to City churches as was our custom.. Needless to say that is a special event to which we are indeed looking forward.

Turning to our customary review of forthcoming online recitals we note that we will not be entertained visually with the customary colourful display in these pages from St Michal Cornhill. The intervention of a Bank Holiday means that the church will be closed on Monday 3rd May. Online recitals will resume on Monday 10th May when the recitalist will be Joseph Wicks who is noted also as a tenor voice singer and conductor.

In the coming week there will be two online recitals. On Tuesday 4th May, at **St Bride Fleet Street** there will be an piano recital given by Víctor Braojos. He will be performing two markedly contrasting pieces. The first will be a work by J S Bach (1685-1750), the English Suite No 2 in A minor BWV 807. This will be followed by the piano sonata no 2 in D minor Op 14 by Prokofiev. Bach's English Suite No 2 is one of a set of six suites - BWV 806-811, thought to be the earliest of Bach's 19 suites for keyboard, the others being the six French Suites BWV 812-817, the six Partitas BWV 825-850 and the Overture in the French style BWV 831. They are thought to date from around 1713 or 1714. The second work in the recital will be by Sergei Sergejevich Prokofiev (1891-1953). His Piano Sonata No 2 in D minor, Op 14 was written in 1912. Its premiere was in 1914 in Moscow with the composer performing it. He dedicated the work to his friend and fellow student, Maximilian Schmidthof who sadly took his own life in 1913. As was stated at the beginning of this review the two pieces are markedly contrasting making for an interesting musical experience.

The other online recital will be an organ recital at **Temple Church** on Wednesday 5th May by Roger Sayer. Of the three noteworthy works by J S Bach to be performed the second is of particular interest — the Concerto in D minor BWV 596. The organ concertos by Bach are solo works for organ, transcribed and reworked from instrumental concertos originally composed by Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) and the musically talented Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar. Composed during Bach's second period at the court in Weimar (1708–1717), the concertos can be dated more precisely to 1713–1714. The publication of these Bach transcriptions in the 19th century played a decisive role in the Vivaldi revival of the twentieth century. The recital promises to be a most interesting one.

CITY EVENTS – City Churches Monday 26th April to Sunday 9th May 2021

The information given below is mainly that obtained from the websites of the City churches, and from direct contact with some individual churches, up to Thursday 22 April 2021.

Whilst every effort has been made to make this survey as accurate as possible, from our experience changes may well occur at short notice. In addition, readers are reminded that many churches in the City are normally closed on Bank Holidays. Thus it is essential that readers visit a church's own website for the latest information regarding opening times and times and other details of services and other events. If readers are planning to visit a church in person it is also desirable, if possible, to contact the church direct by telephone or email. It should be remembered that each church may also have particular COVID-19 compliance requirements, including limits on the number of people in the church.

Visitors and worshippers must remember that they 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](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches).

Anglican Churches in the City currently open and/or accessible online

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

- Open:** Open for prayer Monday to Friday and Sunday 11.00 to 17.00
- Regular Services:** For further information about online services, including how to obtain login details, see website – follow the link from *Online Worship*
- Sunday 11.00 Parish Eucharist – public service in the church and online on Zoom
 - Wednesday 08.30 Morning Prayer – online on Zoom
 - Wednesday 18.00 Taizé worship every two weeks - online on Zoom - next services 28 April and 12 May

St Andrew by the Wardrobe (standrewbythewardrobe.org)

- Open:** Open for private prayer:
Monday to Friday 08.00 to 16.00
Saturday and Sunday 11.00 to 16.00
- Regular Services:** Monday Lunchtime Mass at 12.30 twice a month – public service in the church, at present for local residents and workers only – next scheduled service 17 May, but please check on website for latest information

St Andrew Holborn (standrewholborn.org.uk)

- Open** Generally open Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.00 (Not 3 May)
- Regular Services** Public services in the church:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12.30 to 13.00 Said Mass (Not 3 May)
Wednesday 11.30 to 12.15 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

St Bartholomew the Great (greatstbarts.com)

- Open:** Normally open for private prayer at the following times (please check website):
Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 16.00
Sunday After 11.00 Eucharist to 16.00
- Regular Services:** For further details, including details of how to access online services, see website – follow the links from *Diary & Booking* and *What's On This Week*
To attend public services in person, essential to register in advance – see website
Sunday: 09.00 Said Eucharist – public service in St Bartholomew the Great
10.00 Family Eucharist - public service in St Bartholomew the Less - most Sundays – please check on website
11.00 Choral Eucharist – public service in St Bartholomew the Great and online on YouTube and Facebook
17.00 Choral Evensong – public service in St Bartholomew the Great and online on YouTube and Facebook
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St Bartholomew the Less (see greatstbarts.com)

- Open:** Accessible for private prayer daily 08.00 to 22.00
- Regular Services:** Public services in the church - please check St Bartholomew the Great website for current information
Sunday 10.00 Family Eucharist – most Sundays - essential to register in advance – see St Bartholomew the Great website
Tuesday 12.30 Said Eucharist
Thursday 12.30 RC Mass
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St Benet Paul's Wharf (stbenetwelshchurch.org.uk)

- Regular Services:** Sunday 11.00 Sunday service - mainly in Welsh, with translation provided, and address in English Public service in the church – talk also available online on SoundCloud (soundcloud.com/stbenetwelshchurch)
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St Botolph Aldersgate (stbotolphsaldersgate.org.uk)

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

For **London City Presbyterian Church** services see below under Non-Anglican Churches and Worship

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

St Botolph Aldgate (stbotolphs.org.uk)

Open: Open for private individual prayer Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00 to 14.00

Regular Services: Sunday 10.30 Eucharist – public service in the church

Other Online Activities: Fridays 12.30 to 13.30 St Botolph's Virtual Community Choir on Zoom
Free choir singing a wide variety of music – no audition or interview – all welcome irrespective of experience
For further information see website – follow the links from Music and Community Choir
To join email communitydevelopment@stbotolphs.org.uk

St Botolph Bishopsgate (botolph.org.uk)

Open: Open Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 15.00 for private prayer and as a place of public sanctuary

Regular Services: Public services in the church and also online on YouTube – accessible from website – Follow the links from *Services* and *Regular Services*

Tuesday 13.10 Said Mass

Wednesday 13.10 Choral Mass

Thursday 13.10 Said Mass

Special Service: Thursday 29 April 17.30 Licensing of the Revd David Armstrong as Rector by the Bishop of London – public service in the church and online – see website and follow the links from *News & Events* and *What's On*

St Bride Fleet Street (stbrides.com)

Open: Monday to Friday 08.00 to 17.00
Sunday 10.00 to 18.30

Regular Services: Sunday 11.00 Choral Eucharist Public service in the church and also service online
17.30 Choral Evensong Public service in the church and also service online
Online services on Facebook, YouTube and SoundCloud – for details and links see website

Other Online Events: Tuesdays 13.15 to 13.45 Pre-recorded online recitals on YouTube – see website for links and current information – follow links from *Music* and *Recitals*
Tuesday 27 April – Recital by Geoff Howells, organ
It is hoped live recitals in the church will resume on Friday 28 May
For more information about the recitals please see the listings on page 11 below

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

St Dunstan in the West (stdunstaninthewest.org)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 14.00

Regular Services: Tuesday 12.30 Mass – public service in the church and also online on Zoom
For further information, including how to obtain login details for the online service, please see home page of website

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

For online courses, workshops and other events see website

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

Regular Services: *Soul Space* – Monthly online community gathering for people of all faiths to come together in prayer, contemplation and conversation Next session Wednesday 5 May
For further information see website – follow the links from *Events*

Other Events: For other online events see website

St Giles Cripplegate (stgilesnewsite.co.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.00 to 16.00 for private prayer

Regular Services and Events:

Sunday 10.00 Parish Eucharist – public service in the church

Monday to Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer in the church

Wednesdays 5 and 19 May 19.30 Prayer Group on Zoom – Lectio Divina

For information about how to join see home page of website

First Thursday of the month 13.00 to 13.30 – Private Prayer and Reflection in the church

Next session 6 May For further information see home page of website

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

Regular Services: For more details and for information about joining services and talks see website – for online services and talks click on *St Helen's Live*

Sunday: Public services in the church and also online on Zoom To attend services in person in the church please sign up in advance – see website

10.30 Sunday morning service - join online from 10.15

14.00 Service for Mandarin speaking congregation - join online from 13.45

16.00 Service with an informal feel - join online from 15.30

18.00 Contemporary service with a younger feel - join online from 17.45

Midweek talks: For further information see website - for online talks click on *St Helen's Live*

Tuesday 13.10 to 13.50 Weekday talk in person in the church and also online – join online from 12.50

Thursday 12.15 to 12.55 Weekday talk online – join online from 12.00

18 - 20 & 23 May *Finding God in the storm* - talks in the church and online – see website

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

St James Garlickhythe (stjamesgarlickhythe.org)

- Open:** Please check current opening hours on website
- Regular Services:** Public services in the church and also online
Normal regular services - please check on website
Sunday 10.30 Eucharist
Monday to Thursday 12.15 Eucharist
Please also see the church's YouTube channel – see below - for any additional services
For online worship, three ways to join:
On Facebook, use the link <https://www.facebook.com/Garlickhythe>
On YouTube go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2R7WbUSIa_VxVjoveNF1tw
Or go to Twitter and search for **@handlt10**
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St Lawrence Jewry (stlawrencejewry.org.uk)

- Open:** Monday to Friday 14.00 to 16.00 for private prayer
- Regular Services:** Wednesday 08.30 Holy Communion Public service in the church
and broadcast live on Facebook - for link see home page of website
Subsequently posted on the website
Friday 13.15 Holy Communion Public service in the church
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St Magnus the Martyr (stmagnusmartyr.org.uk)

- Regular Services:** Public services in the church Sunday services also on Facebook – see St Magnus the Martyr Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmagnusthemartyr/>
Sunday 11.00 Solemn High Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 12.30 Low Mass
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St Margaret Lothbury (stml.org.uk)

- Open:** Monday to Friday 08.30 to 16.00 for private prayer
- Regular Services:** Online services on YouTube and web site - see home page of website for links
Tuesday 13.10 Holy Communion – online, and also in person in the church
Wednesday 13.00 Informal Worship – online, and also in person in the church
from Wednesday 5 May
- Other Events:** **Beginning 20 May** Live organ recitals in the church Thursdays 13.10 to 14.00
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St Mary Abchurch (see **Friends of the City Churches** website)

- Open:** Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 13.00 for private prayer
- Regular Services:** Wednesday 12.30 Holy Communion Public service in the church

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

St Mary Aldermary (moot.uk.net)

Regular Online Services: Moot Community Please check on website for current information
Sunday 18.30 Sunday Contemplative Service - online on Zoom – please email
priest@moot.uk.net for Zoom link
Some other services also accessible online – see website and Moot Community
YouTube channel ([youtube.com/channel/UCe966Zb_N1pvmPNL1S7uHLA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe966Zb_N1pvmPNL1S7uHLA))

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

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 to 16.00 for private prayer

Regular Online Services: Thursday 08.15 *Listen, Read & Pray* - short service on Zoom
For information about how to join see website – click on *Menu* and
follow the links from *Services*

St Mary le Bow (stmarylebow.org.uk)

Open: Generally open Monday to Friday 08.30 to 17.45

Regular Services: Public services in the church – Evening Prayer on Thursday also online
For link to online service email info@stmarylebow.org.uk
Normal regular services as follows - please also check services for the current
week on St Mary le Bow on Twitter – twitter.com/BowBellsChurch
Monday to Friday 08.30 Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13.05 Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 17.30 Evening Prayer
Thursday 18.00 Evening Prayer – also online

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

Online Events: Monday Virtual organ recitals – call on Zoom begins at 12.45 – for link to join and further
information see St Michael Cornhill page on *A Church Near You* website,
under *Services & Events*
NB There will be no recital on Monday 3 May (Bank Holiday)

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (stnickschurch.org.uk and stnickstalks.org)

Regular Services and Talks: Please check websites for current information
Sunday 11.00 Sunday service Public service in the church (arrive from 10.30)
and online on Zoom and YouTube To access online service go to home page of
stnickschurch website and click on *Online*
Thursday 13.05 to 13.45 Midweek talk - in person in the church and online on Zoom –
to access online go to home page of **stnickstalks** website and click on *Online*

St Olave Hart Street (saintolave.com)

Regular Services: Sunday 11.00 Sunday service – public service in the church and online on Zoom
Please email rector@saintolave.com for details of how to join the online service

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

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

Regular Online Services: To join services, follow links from *Services* section on home page of website
Sunday 10.30 Sunday Service
Tuesday 13.15 Lunchtime Service
Wednesday 18.00 Choral Service (Choral Evensong or Choral Eucharist)

St Stephen Walbrook (ststephenwalbrook.net)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - open for private prayer 10.30 to 15.30

Regular Services: See website for current details For information about how to join/view online/telephone services, follow links from *Services*
Wednesday 09.00 Morning Prayer by telephone conference call
Thursday 12.15 *Choral Classics* 20 minutes of choral music, readings and poetry - public service in the church, with recording available on the website from Monday at 13.00
Thursday 12.45 Weekly Eucharist - public service in the church with recording
Available online on the website from Saturday evening 18.00
Start: Stop Weekly reflections – audio recording available online from Tuesday 17.00
Morning and Night Prayer – available daily online through the London Internet Church section of the website

St Vedast alias Foster (vedast.org.uk)

Open: Monday to Friday 11.30 to 14.00

Regular Services: For information about how to access online services see website – follow the links from *News* and *News Articles*
Sunday 11.00 Sunday Parish Mass Public service in the church and online on YouTube
Monday to Friday 12.15 Mass Public services in the church and Online on YouTube
Monday Meditation Please email: priest@vedast.org.uk in advance for Zoom link

Temple Church (templechurch.com)

Open: Not open to the public at present, but access for private prayer can be arranged those living /working in the Temple/Chambers – see website for details

Services and Events At present public attendance at services in the church is limited to those living or working within walking distance of the Temple – all services are also online, either on Zoom or on YouTube.
For latest information, details of services and information about how to access services online see website

Other Online Events For online organ recitals click on *Organ Recitals* on home page of website
Please see also the listings on page 12 below

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

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

Open: Monday to Friday Open for prayer 11.30 to 13.30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 to 13.05

Regular Services: Saturday 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday, on Zoom – for details email moorfields@rcdow.org.uk
Sunday 09.30 Mass - public service in the church
Monday to Friday 13.05 Mass - public service in the church

Other Online Events: *Pentecost Wednesday Word*
'A New Pentecost' – a weekly moment of meditation every Wednesday
from 5 to 26 May, 08.15 to 08.30
Please email moorfields@rcdow.org.uk for Zoom details

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

Regular Services: Sundays 11.00 Sunday service – public service in the church and online
For current details, including how to access online services, see website

London City Presbyterian Church (lcpc.org.uk) - Meeting at St Botolph Aldersgate

Regular Services: For current information see website
Sunday 11.00 Worship Service – public service in the church and online on YouTube
18.30 Online Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday 19.00 Online Meeting on Zoom

For those attending services in person, see information as to booking and other details on the website on *Covid 19 Facts page*
For further details of online services and meetings please contact the church through the website

Roman Catholic services at St Bartholomew the Less

Regular Service: Thursdays 12.30 RC Mass

Churches open 'just over the City borders'

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

Open: Monday to Friday 09.00 to 16.00
Sunday 09.00 to 13.00

Regular Services: Public services in the church
Sunday 10.30 Parish Mass
Monday to Friday 12.30 Low Mass

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

Open: Open for private prayer:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00 to 15.30
Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 to 12.30

Regular Services: Public services in the church
Sunday 09.00 and 11.00 Mass
Tuesday and Thursday 13.00 Mass

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

Open: Friday 11.30 to 12.30 for prayer

Regular Services: Saturday 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday, on Zoom – for details email
moorfields@rcdow.org.uk
Sunday 11.30 Mass - public service in the church
Wednesday 12.05 Mass - public service in the church

Online Musical Events
Monday 3rd May to Sunday 9th May 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021 — St Michael Cornhill

There will be no organ recital on this Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 4th May 2021 — St Bride Fleet Street at 1.15pm

Online Recital

Victor Braojos – *piano*

Programme:

- J S Bach – English Suite No 2 in A minor BWV 807**
- S Prokofiev – Sonata No 2 in D minor Op 14**

Biography:

Víctor Braojos obtained his Master's in Piano Performance (Distinction and Concert Recital Diploma) at Guildhall School of Music & Drama, working with Martin Roscoe. Over the years, he has had masterclasses with Stephen Hough, Robert Levin and Stephen Kovacevich, and he has won several national and international Piano Competitions across Europe, performing in emblematic venues like Palau de la Música Catalana, National Auditorium of Barcelona and Milton Court Concert Hall. <http://victorbraojos.weebly.com/>

To access the recital please visit: <http://www.stbrides.com/music/recitals.php> and follow the link above the photographs on the page headed Recitals

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Online Musical Events

Monday 3rd May to Sunday 9th May 2021 — *continued*

Wednesday 5 May 2021 — Temple Church at 1.15pm

Online pre-recorded Organ Recital — Roger Sayer

Programme:

J S Bach — Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 545

Bach/Vivaldi — Concerto in D minor BWV 596

J S Bach — Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV 542

This recital will be available on the Church's [YouTube Channel](#) on

Wednesday 5 May from 1.15pm

Biography:

Roger Sayer is at the forefront of British choral and organ music. He joined Temple Church in 2013 and has since created an impressive portfolio of concert, recordings and broadcasts. In addition to conducting, he is in demand both as a recitalist and accompanist at home and internationally and his work has also extended into the film world, with his most recent performance as organ soloist for Hans Zimmer's Oscar nominated score for the motion picture *Interstellar*.