

A low-angle photograph of the St Mary le Strand church tower in London, framed by the branches and pink blossoms of a magnolia tree. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The church tower is a prominent feature, showing its classical architectural details, including a clock face with a blue dial and gold hands. The magnolia flowers are in various stages of bloom, adding a soft, spring-like feel to the image.

St Mary le Strand

Magnolia Festival

23rd March - 2nd April 2022

Music for Springtime



The Jewel in the Strand

St Mary le Strand is a Sanctuary:
a place of Welcome, Worship and Wellbeing.

Built between 1714-1721 by James Gibbs and consecrated in 1724, St Mary le Strand is a rare example of English Baroque architecture and a heritage landmark on the Royal Processional Route from the Palaces of Whitehall to St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London.

300 years later, the Strand is being pedestrianised and St Mary le Strand will become the centrepiece of a new piazza. This new public realm is part of the renaissance of South Westminster.

The heart of a new Global Cultural Thinking Quarter

A Baroque Paradise

“... the finest eighteenth century church in London”

Sir Simon Jenkins, author of
England's Thousand Best Churches

As well as its fascinating heritage and glorious architecture, St Mary le Strand has an amazing acoustic. It seats about 120 - 150 people and is a beautiful and intimate venue for music performances.

Our vision for St Mary le Strand is that it will play a full part in the cultural life of this new global quarter. As well as being a place of worship, we hope that the church will become a high quality music venue.

Towards that aim we are seeking to raise funds to purchase a concert quality piano.

We are immensely grateful for the support and advice of Coachhouse Pianos who are sourcing the right instrument for our needs.





Our Vision for Music

Join us in developing and realising our **Vision for Music** at St Mary le Strand

Our Cultural Mission

To animate and contribute to the cultural life of the 'East Strand' as part of the new 'Global Cultural Thinking Quarter' by become a leading light in the artistic life of the Capital as a venue for performance – celebrating the clarity and beauty of St Mary le Strand's acoustic.

Our Heritage and Audience Mission

To help many people to enjoy the heritage and beauty of St Mary le Strand by attracting new and diverse audiences. We aim to support the local student population, tourists, as well as workers in the area with a series of high quality cultural and musical experiences.

Developing Skills and Promoting Wellbeing

- Provide opportunities for musicians, especially young people, students and professionals at the start of their music careers. We have launched a Student-led Choir who sing for one of our weekly services.
- In partnership with Bath Festival Orchestra, we have a monthly lunchtime concert including students from the Bobby Moore Academy.
- St Mary le Strand is a place of Wellbeing: the benefits of singing are well documented and we have launched the *Strand Community Choir* in partnership with The Northbank BID.





Friends and Patrons



Please consider becoming a Friend or Patron and join an international community which celebrates the magnificence of the building and the social action mission it achieves in the London Strand district. As a Friend or Patron, you will get closer to the heart of what St Mary le Strand does and achieves each year, and be a part of its exciting future.

Become a Patron

The objectives of the Patrons are:

- To create a committed and invested group, who want to make a tangible difference to the future of St Mary le Strand by significantly investing in its works.
- To secure the future mission of the church and ensure it remains one of the leading stakeholders in the London Strand district.
- To develop our choral tradition and expand our musical programme.

In thanks for your significant investment, each year you will receive:

- An opportunity for private use of the church for a corporate or personal function.
- Invitation to join private performances by our Community Choir.
- Invitations to exclusive Patrons events.
- Advance and priority bookings for our growing social calendar.

See our website for more details

www.stmarylestrand.com/friends-patrons

Magnolia Festival Programme

Music for Springtime

Wednesday 23rd March

6.00 p.m. A Choral Eucharist with the St Mary le Strand Student Choir to celebrate The Feast of the Annunciation.

Thursday 24th March

12.30 p.m. Strand Community Choir – come and sing!

5.00 p.m. Sung Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th March

5.00 p.m. Evensong (traditional BCP)

Tuesday 29th March

7.30 p.m. Warren Mailley-Smith -
Concert Pianist

The programme will include:

Mozart – Sonata in F K332

Beethoven – Waldstein Sonata

Beethoven – Moonlight Sonata

Chopin – Nocturn in C sharp minor

Chopin – Sonata in B minor, No 3

Tickets for Warren's Concert are available as a reward when you donate £20 on the Crowdfunder Campaign:



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-mary-le-strand>



Claire Moore



Alaric Green



Joshua Saunders

Wednesday 30th March

1.00 p.m. Bath Festival Orchestra with Students from the Bobby Moore Academy. Admission Free.

6.00 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Student Choir - Ubi Caritas with piano improvisation Ola Gjelo

Thursday 31st March

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6.00 p.m. ‘In Harmony’: Claire Moore, Alaric Green and Joshua Saunders in concert.

Admission Free. Retiring Collection.

Claire Moore is West End Royalty!

Alaric Green is winner of the Chartered Surveyors’ prize at Guildhall. Joshua Saunders is currently studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Saturday 2nd April

12 noon **The Queenes Chappell**, ‘Della Domenica 1610’. London’s newest solo voice consort, performs a programme of virtuosic Italian vocal music heard in the grand basilicas of Rome in the early 17th century.

Della Domenica 1610

Virtuosic Music in Rome's Basilicas

12:30, Saturday 2nd April

St Mary le Strand Church, WC2R 1ES

The **Queenes Chappell**, London's newest solo voice consort, performs a programme of virtuosic Italian vocal music heard in the grand basilicas of Rome in the early 17th century.



Tickets available for £8 (£5 students/under 21) on the door or booked in advance on Eventbrite.

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social media!



The Queenes Chappell



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New: Strand Community Choir



The Strand Community Choir, led by West End Voice Coach and Musical Director, Mr Sean Jay, will begin singing again!

Escape from the stresses and strains of office life for an hour on Thursday lunchtimes from March onwards! The Strand Community Choir, led by West End Voice Coach and Musical Director, Mr Sean Jay, will begin singing again on Thursday 3rd March at 12:30pm. Join us at St Mary le Strand for a fabulous session of relaxing vocal warm ups and musical numbers from the shows. No audition required. No previous experience required. Just turn up, sing and enjoy!

Sign up via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/strand-community-choir-tickets-269722987717>

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