

— NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024 –

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMON COUNCILLORS
CHRIS BODEN & JAMES ST JOHN DAVIS



Christmas in Candlewick

We are thrilled to announce that as part of the Eastern City's Festival of Light campaign this Christmas, we will have a series of events designed to spread joy and festive spirit throughout the Candlewick community. As part of this celebration, we are delighted to unveil our first community tree, which will stand in Abchurch Yard in front of St. Mary Abchurch. This beautiful tree will serve as a centrepiece for our holiday festivities, inviting everyone to come together, get to know each other, and bask in the warmth of the season. The tree will be lit up on the evening of 19 November and we do hope you will join us in making this Candlewick Christmas truly special!

The Candlewick great, Harry (of Harry's Bar), has most generously offered to sponsor and host this first festive gathering in Abchurch Yard, with mulled wine and mince pies to mark the arrival of our Christmas tree. We will have refreshments from 5:30PM in Abchurch Yard.

Please email James at: **james. stjohndavis@cityoflondon. gov.uk** if you and any colleagues or friends would like to join us – all very welcome!

Candlewick Christmas Carols & Breakfast

If you'd like to meet more of the community and mark the festive period in true City style, why not join your Candlewick Ward Team for the Candlewick Carol Service and Breakfast.

The Service and Breakfast (read: Lunch) will take place on Friday, 6 December, making it for many the first event (certainly the best for Chris and James but we may be biased!) of the Festive Season. It will be a great gathering of Candlewickers and a time to enjoy the usual conviviality along with holly and some amazing music.

The Carol Service will take place at 11am in the fine Christopher Wren church of St Mary Abchurch right here in the Ward of Candlewick and less than ½ mile from the Guildhall. We much look forward to welcoming you and your guests to enjoy a traditional service of Readings and the first Carols of Christmas led by the Mark Spronson Singers.

The Carol Service will be followed, for those who would like to join us, by lunch in the mediaeval Crypts of the Guildhall, evoking the spirit of Christmas. The Reception will start at 12.15pm in the West Crypt where our Alderman, Professor Emma Edhem, Deputy Chris



Boden and incoming Chairman of the Candlewick Ward Club, James St John Davis, will greet guests with a drinks reception to be followed by a sumptuous feast in the East Crypt at 1pm.

Please join us at this popular and enjoyable event and bring your family and friends. We look forward to the musical entertainment from the Mark Spronson Singers. Proceedings will conclude at around 3.00 pm.

Price per person including reception drinks, three course lunch and wines is £128.00. Booking closes on 17 November.

Do please let James know if you'd like to attend at **james.** stjohndavis@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Support local businesses

The run-up to Christmas is the most important time of the year for many of the small businesses in our Ward and we hope you will continue to support them and perhaps go out of your way to pop-in and buy your gifts from

one of the excellent local stores and boutiques.

We have a number of businesses who will be advertising in the newsletter and circulating offers between now and Christmas and several of them have made exclusive offers and discounts for readers of the Candlewick Ward Team's monthly newsletter, as you will find enclosed.

The team at Charles Tyrwhitt are delighted to welcome all Candlewick newsletter readers to their Cannon Street store to redeem a 15% discount on all full priced items.

If your business would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter, free of charge, please contact Chris Boden: christopher.boden@ cityoflondon.gov.uk





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The City Corporation is undertaking the annual canvass, where they write to all flats and businesses to ask them to confirm their registration for the coming year.

By registering as a resident or business you have a stronger voice over many areas that directly impact you: whether that's support in growing your business, transport and policing or enhancing our safe, green and bustling streets that make your colleagues excited to be in the City.

If you have not heard from the City of London Corporation or have registered and would like to discuss the process of allocating and appointing electors in your organisation, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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