



INNERVIEW

Newsletter of The Inner Temple

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Intro



From the Chair of the Bar Liaison Committee

Spring and Easter-time are traditionally moments for renewal and rebirth. This could not be more appropriate for Inner Temple members this year both because of the steady national progress towards ‘un-lockdown’ and the forthcoming reopening, in the autumn, of the Treasury Building following the completion of the Project Pegasus building works.

At the first meeting of the Bar Liaison Committee after the elections last November, I was elected as the new BLC Chair together with Sarah Williams as the Vice Chair. I am pleased to report that the new BLC is both brimming with good ideas and diverse in its composition, representing the full range of the members of Hall. The spread is geographically wide, across every main area of practice, at all levels of Call and including a good number of employed barristers, one of whom is Sarah, the Vice Chair. Thank you to everyone who took part in the elections. We are here to represent the members of the Inn, so if you have any issues to raise or suggestions to make regarding the Inn please do get in touch with me, or with any member of the committee. Contact details are below and are also on the Inn’s website.

Fun as it has been in recent months to have lunch every day at home with my eight-year-old twins, especially during the more fraught moments of home-schooling, I, for one, am much looking forward to being able to return to having the occasional lunch in Hall, particularly the traditional Friday menu. Not, of course, that discussion of fronted adverbials or the fate of the Mayans is lacking in intellectual stimulation.

As a civil practitioner, I know how much we have learnt about remote hearings in the past 12 months – and they are of course now here to stay in some form. It has been impressive to watch the profession adapt to ‘agile working’ during the pandemic. However, of course, ‘in-person’ attendance has remained the norm for many at the Criminal Bar. In recent meetings the BLC has particularly marked the resilience of junior criminal practitioners, often publicly

funded, going to court day after day during the height of the pandemic. Criminal justice would have ground to a halt without their perseverance.

Returning to the Project Pegasus building works, as you may have noticed that progress can be followed on innertemple.org.uk/project-pegasus. Fortnightly updates are published. It seems for example that, as I type, the carpentry for the new mansard roof structure is underway. That roof, part of the original post-war designs of the Treasury building designed to match the one on the roof of the Hall, was abandoned in fit of post-war austerity. It will be satisfying to complete the intended look.

Amongst those involved, the excitement is certainly mounting as it looks likely that, notwithstanding the pandemic, the works on the Treasury Building will be completed towards the end of July this year. This means, by the autumn, not only that we will have the opportunity to experience all the excellent new facilities in the building – the new lecture theatre, meeting rooms, roof terrace; but we will also be able to return to the ‘staples’ that we have greatly missed since the building was closed; the Inn’s library in its traditional home, the Pegasus Bar, the Inn’s events ‘in-person’ and, as I say, lunch in Hall.

The primary works have been the addition of the top floor to the building and the creation of the lecture theatre and associated meeting rooms. However, much will remain of the familiar in Hall and in the Bench Apartments. Needless to say, though, considerable work has also been done behind-the-scenes; the kitchens for example have been entirely redesigned and modernised. The installation of lifts throughout will ensure accessibility. The designs for the new look Pegasus Bar are eye-catching; more than ever it will provide a great place for members and their guests to pick up a morning coffee or have breakfast, have a more relaxed lunch, supper or drink when they come in to the Inn.

I know that members of the BLC are much looking forward to the restarting of the ‘in-person’ collegiate side of the Inn’s life

and to resuming the 400-year-old traditions of companionable professional life. Indeed, we look forward to holding BLC meetings in person in the Inn, although as before, the opportunity for remote access will be preserved.

Come the new term in October, when visits to central London should be returning to normal with the return of ‘in-person’ court hearings and greater working in chambers and offices nearby, do come into the Inn, for lunch, for events, to book these new facilities or, indeed, just to have a look. In the meantime, you can enjoy a **virtual tour** of the new spaces.

We are aiming to hold a Bar Guest Night on Friday 8 October which should be a very happy occasion, one of the first events in the refitted building. We hope to see a good many of you there.

Simon Murray
39 Essex Chambers

To see members of the Bar Liaison Committee and their committee portfolios, go to innertemple.org.uk/blc-committee

Members of the Inn can contact the BLC via the Secretary and Director of the Treasury Office, Henrietta Amodio blc@innertemple.org.uk

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Hardship Relief Funds

Marshall Hall Trust innertemple.org.uk/mht

Administered through the Marshall Hall Trust, The Inner Temple has provided a hardship relief fund specifically to assist members:

- Who are currently in pupillage; or
- Whose pupillage has been terminated (or is imminently threatened) on account of the COVID-19 crisis; or
- Who are first year tenants in their chambers, but who are unable to participate in the Government's scheme to assist the self-employed.

So far, grants or loans have been awarded to over 60 pupils and first year tenants whose income has been wiped out by the impact of COVID-19. From the relief and gratitude expressed by the applicants it is clear how much the awards are appreciated.

"This is fantastic news, a huge weight off my mind. It will make a huge difference – not least to the quality of my sleep at night!"

"I am beyond grateful to the panel and the Inn/MH Trust more generally for this grant. It has been a very stressful period, and this will help considerably moving forward."

"I am overwhelmed by the support of Inner Temple and the Marshall Hall Trust, so many thanks to the panel."

"Thank you and Inner Temple so much for this. It really will take the stress away for a few months. Thank you also for arranging this so quickly."

Contact Paul Clark:
innertemple.org.uk/mht

Barristers' Benevolent Association the-bba.com/covid19-appeal-applications

The Barristers' Benevolent Association exists to support, help and comfort members of the Bar in England and Wales and their families and dependants who are in need, in distress or in difficulties.

COVID-19 Rent Committee

Chaired by the Reader (Her Honour Judge Deborah Taylor), the COVID-19 Rent Committee has been set up to consider applications for rent waivers and interest free rent deferrals from Chambers and residents. Applications are being considered on a case by case basis and are being sent to the Collector.

Contact David Bartlett
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Announcements

The Inn joins the nation in mourning the death of Master HRH The Duke of Edinburgh (HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM GBE.

His Royal Highness became a Royal Bencher of the Inn in 1954, and Royal Treasurer in 1961. He was Patron of the Pegasus Scholarship Trust.

For our full list of announcements, go to innertemple.org.uk/news

Master Julian Flaux (Sir Julian Flaux) has officially started his appointment as the Chancellor of the High Court, following the elevation of Sir Geoffrey Vos as Master of the Rolls.

Master Christopher Floyd (The Rt Hon Lord Justice Floyd) retires as Lord Justice of Appeal with effect from 10 February 2021.

For our full list of judicial appointments, go to innertemple.org.uk/judicial

Honorary QCs Appointments

Master Christopher Forsyth (Professor Christopher Forsyth QC (Hon))
Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Professor Rachael Mulheron QC (Hon)
Inner Temple Legal Academic and Professor of Tort Law and Civil Justice
at Queen Mary University of London

COVID-19 Arrangements

The Inn continues to review all activities in line with government guidelines. Educational, professional and governance activities will be delivered online until 31 July. We look forward to a return to in-person events in the autumn with the re-opening of the Treasury Building. In the meantime, thanks to the Temple Music Foundation, a 'Revel's piano recital with pianist Jeffrey Siegel, postponed from 2020 will take place in the Temple Church on 9 June with a socially distanced audience (details on page 21).

To see our COVID-19 arrangements visit innertemple.org.uk/covid19

Interested in Becoming a Governing Bencher?

Would you like to be involved in the governance of The Inner Temple - for example, helping decide on the Inn's education and training (E&T) activities; managing its estate and other assets; or leading its international relations? Or perhaps becoming Master of the Revels or of the Cellar one day? If so, you should consider becoming a Governing Bencher. The deadline for nominations in 2021 is 7 May at 5pm.

The primary function of the Inn is the provision of first-class education and training in advocacy and other professional skills for its students, pupils and new practitioners and of high quality continuing professional development for its more experienced barrister members. The Inn needs a sizeable and diverse pool of Benchers who possess the appropriate skills and commitment to assist in planning, devising and delivering training and continuing education both in London and on the Circuits.

DEFINITIONS

Barrister Governing Bencher

A member of the Inn in practice as a self-employed, or an employed, barrister who has shown ability and distinction in practice.

Judicial Governing Bencher

A member of the Inn who holds a salaried judicial office in England and Wales, including District and Tribunal Judges.

Other Governing Bencher

A member of the Inn who holds or has held an office, appointment or position with distinction.

Who is eligible?

Becoming a Bencher is not about being "clubbable". You do not need to be a Silk, nor to be particularly senior in the profession. But you will need to be able to demonstrate your commitment to the life and work of the Inn through past contributions or show that you have the capacity and intention to make a significant contribution in the future. This might include volunteering for education and training initiatives and programmes or engaging with the Inn's other collegiate and networking events. Serving on the Bar Liaison Committee also offers an opportunity to influence the Inn's policies and observe the work of its committees.

Regular calls for volunteers appear in the Education & Training pages of *Innerview* and more comprehensive details of opportunities are available at [innertemple.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities](https://www.innertemple.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities)

The Bencher Nomination Committee (BNC) recognises that there could be circumstances which may have prevented a candidate from previous participation in the affairs of the Inn – those circumstances, as well as contributions to the legal profession generally and a clear intention to participate in Inner Temple's life in the future, will be taken fully into account.

The Inn is committed to fairness and equality of opportunity. We want our governing body and Bench to reflect the composition of our overall membership. Nominations and applications are strongly encouraged from members from all walks of life in terms of practice area, circuit location, age, gender, ethnicity, religion, belief, disability or sexual orientation.

How to Apply

The deadline for nominations is 7 May at 5pm. Information about the next elections is available from innertemple.org.uk/bencherelections

The Sub-Treasurer, Greg Dorey, or his Executive Assistant, Jennie Collis Price, will be happy to answer any questions. All enquiries will be treated confidentially. Email elections@innertemple.org.uk to find out more.

Barrister Governing Bencher candidates will need to identify three supporting Governing Benchers (including at least two barristers) who know you sufficiently to each provide references which will form part of your nomination and application. You will be required to submit a form summarising some key details, a short CV, a photograph and 200 words on your involvement with the Inn and the future contribution you intend to make.

Judicial and Other Governing Bencher candidates only need one supporting Governing Bencher to provide an informative reference. You will also need to provide a short CV and a photograph.

Governing Benchers are notified of the nominations period and will expect possible approaches by interested candidates. It may well be that they approach you first. But do not feel that you must wait for this: we want to encourage candidates who have made a contribution, or feel strongly that they would like to do so, to make themselves known. A list of current Benchers can be found at: innertemple.org.uk/governance

What happens next?

The BNC reviews all nominations. If there are more Barrister Governing Bencher nominations than spaces available for election there may be a ballot of Governing Benchers. Barristers on Circuit and those at the Employed Bar may be eligible for direct election and exempt from any ballot.

Judicial and Other Governing Bencher candidates considered to have met the criteria will be recommended for election to the Bench Table (governing board).

The entire process is expected to be completed by the summer.

It is possible that a nomination might be turned down because there are too many suitable candidates. If that happens unsuccessful candidates may be encouraged to throw their hat into the ring again: there is no embarrassment in not getting elected first time!

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Jonathan Bremner QC

How did you go about finding three Benchers to propose you?

I had met a number of Benchers through participating in activities and events organised by the Inn (for example, the Inn's outreach and educational activities). A couple suggested that I should think about applying to be a Bencher. I thought it would be great to be able to be more involved with the Inn and so I sent emails to my potential proposers to ask if they would be willing to support my application. They responded positively and were all very encouraging. It did not matter whether they had been personally involved in the same Inn activities as me.

How has your Inn life changed since you became a Bencher?

Becoming a Bencher has allowed me to broaden my involvement with the Inn. As well as attending regular Bench Table meetings, I have joined the Inn's Finance Sub-Committee. I am now more familiar with how the Inn operates on the ground. This has given me a much better insight into the wide range of work that the Inn does. I have also continued to volunteer for the Inn's education and training, outreach and mentoring programmes.



Jennie Osborne

How had you demonstrated your commitment to the Inn before applying to become a Bencher?

Since the earliest days of pupillage, I have loved being a part of the Inn. The modern, diverse and thriving community of Inner Temple has always been my home away from home at the Bar. I always knew that I wanted to give something back. I have volunteered with the Inn's wonderful Education & Training Department since I was a very junior tenant. There are so many opportunities available: from advocacy training to scholarship interviews and mentorship schemes. In recent years, I have become an advocacy trainer and have had the opportunity to attend Wotton House weekends and train internationally. This has never felt particularly altruistic – I have received far more from training than I could ever give to other people.

Why did you want to become a Bencher?

For me, becoming a Bencher was a natural extension of my prior involvement. I knew that the Inn was looking for Benchers who would give up their time to help the Inn achieve its objectives. The fact that I was already actively involved with the Inn helped me demonstrate that I would continue this as a Bencher. I wanted to become a Bencher in order to be part of shaping the direction of the Inn moving forwards. It is really important that there are lots of different voices contributing to that conversation, and I felt I had something that I could offer. More importantly, I wanted to become a Bencher in order to continue giving back to the Inn, and provide the next generation with the help, support and guidance that was so invaluable to me.

Pre-Pupillage Assistance Scheme

Katherine Duncan, Wellbeing BLC Rep

The impact of COVID-19 has been incredibly stressful for all at the Bar. For those students who have completed their Bar Course but have yet to secure pupillage or start pupillage, it has been a very anxious time waiting to see if chambers and organisations will continue to offer pupillage at the levels they did before. Bar Council research from May 2020 suggests that COVID-19 will impact on the number of pupillages available. When the Pupillage Gateway closed last year, there were 206 opportunities for pupillage available between 103 providers. Since lockdown 1.0 that was reduced to 171 offers made by 87 providers. Prior to the pandemic, research from Insight Network Research 2018-2019 indicated increasing levels of psychological distress and illness amongst the general student and graduate population. The pressure of trying to obtain pupillage, coupled with financial pressure, caring responsibilities, and other competing demands means student members can experience distress post-Bar Course, but without the support network that is available through their Bar Course provider.

To meet the needs of the students post-Bar Course the four Inns of Court jointly launched a free and confidential Pre-pupillage Assistance scheme which is designed for all members up to five years post Bar Course but have yet to secure or start pupillage.

The Inner Temple has a strong programme of education and training events, and policies designed to support members with wellbeing in practice management throughout their professional lives. It is considered to be a vital part of how student members and young barristers set up their practice from the start to encourage healthy working lives. We all need support from time to time to manage difficulties in our lives that can arise as we go through our working lives. It's part of our professional duty to make sure we are well and able to cope with the demands of practice. For those who have completed the Bar Course but have yet to start pupillage, it can be tough adjusting to not having the same support networks that were available at school, university and on the Bar Course. For many moving into working life, independent practice brings its own set of challenges.

Like the Bar Council's scheme, supported by the Inns and the Circuits, the pre-pupillage assistance facilitates access the same support with Health Assured through the Inn.

The support available covers a wide range of needs, including:

Online health and wellbeing resources:

webinars, mini-health checks and four-week self-help programmes covering topics such as sleep, smoking cessation, hydration and healthy eating.

Free and confidential Telephone helpline:

available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days a year. The helpline is staffed by professionals who can provide support to those facing physical, emotional, psychological and social challenges such as:

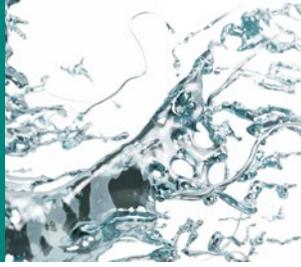
- Family issues
- Bereavement
- Trauma
- Relationship issues
- Stress and stress related conditions
- Addictions
- Money management and debt
- Medical information

The telephone line may triage callers to other resources, including structured and face to face counselling. The service is entirely confidential with only anonymised data to assist usage provided to the Inns.

Many members of the student support staff have been trained in mental health awareness and have assisted individuals needing guidance or support. The Inner Temple is the only Inn to have a dedicated Master of Wellbeing, ensuring that we work with leadership and stakeholders to continue to embed awareness, skills and support for our members. We remind all of our students and established barrister members that it is a sign of strength not weakness to seek support, and we encourage anyone who is struggling to seek assistance.

Further information on the programme can be found here: innertemple.org.uk/pre-pupillage-wellbeing-assistance-programme

Education & Training



Call to the Bar Applications Deadline

The closing date for submission of applications for Call to the Bar is Friday 4 June. The Inn must have received a fully completed application by this date if you wish to be called at any of the ceremonies held this year.

All current Bar course students were sent a Call to the Bar application pack recently. If

you have not received your copy, all relevant documents are available to download from the below webpage under the heading 'Applying for Call'.

innertemple.org.uk/call-to-the-bar

Inner Temple Students' Association (ITSA)

ITSA worked hard over the Christmas break to kick off the new year with a whopping 12 fantastic pupillage panel and Q&A evenings. Eight of these were practice area-themed events and the final four were specifically tailored to groups who are under-represented at the Bar. We were delighted to be joined by over 50 practitioners doing a huge array of work who generously gave up their time to share their experiences and wisdom with students. We are very proud to share with you all that over 1,300 people attended our series of pupillage evenings across January.

In our efforts to further promote access to the profession, ITSA also hosted our most successful event this February: The Unofficial Guide to Bar Scholarships. 414 people signed up to hear a panel of recent Inner Temple Bar Scholarship recipients share their advice and words of encouragement for the scholarship interviews taking place in March. We also offered attendees a chance to ask more personalised questions of our panellists in individual break-out rooms. Having received enormously positive feedback, we are looking forward to hosting a further event on 26 April specifically for GDL scholarship applicants.

Additionally, we have collaborated with the Inner Temple BAME Network to launch a brand new mock pupillage interview scheme which we hope will offer BAME students at The Inner Temple further support in attaining pupillage. Following a successful inter-inn interactive social event in December with the other Inns students' associations, we are also pleased to be hosting an Easter social event with Middle Temple this spring. Finally, we will be launching our brand new website, built from scratch, in the coming weeks. We hope that this will provide us with a platform to share invaluable resources as well as being able to upgrade our marketing and events output, such as making notes and videos from our previous careers events available to students.

In light of the ongoing vaccination programme and the possibility of coronavirus restrictions being lifted later this summer, ITSA remains hopeful that we may yet be able to host some in-person events this academic year. We would like to thank all members of the inn who have offered us support in delivering our various activities this term.

Mia Shantana Chaudhuri-Julyan
President, Inner Temple Students'
Association (ITSA)



Inquests and Inquiries

Each year, the Inn hosts three residential weekend Qualifying Sessions for its Bar students. The weekends serve to provide the students with the opportunity to meet senior members of the Inn, to develop their advocacy skills in a relaxed and informal atmosphere and to hear from high profile experts in the area of law under discussion.

Given the current situation, we have had to hold the first two of these sessions online via Zoom and are hugely grateful to both our students and volunteer trainers for adapting so generously to the change. The second of this year's weekends was held in January and concerned the topic of Inquests and Inquiries. The 56 students and 14 barristers and judges in attendance were presented with a wealth of

knowledge on Inquests and Inquiries, leading to spirited discussion and debate. Students heard from a diverse panel including Matthew Hill (1 Crown Office Row), Allison Munroe QC (Garden Court Chambers), Mira Hammad (Garden Court North) and Master Paul Greaney (New Park Court), all expertly chaired by Master Christina Lambert, who also gave a fascinating key note speech on the Friday evening. The weekend was a great success and we would like to thank all the students who attended as well as our barrister and judicial members from the Northern, North Eastern and Midlands Circuits who taught at the weekend. In particular, we would like to thank Master Mark George for organising the event.





PASS Skills Day

On 28 and 29 June 2021 our course for students on the Pegasus Access and Support Scheme (PASS) will be taking place virtually this year. These days are for university students from under-represented backgrounds at the Bar. We are looking for barristers and judges to support students in mock interviews and training for a mock trial. For more information, please contact **Daisy Mortimer**.

Pupils Advocacy Course

So far this academic year, Inner Temple members have secured 134 first-six pupillages. In order to gain a practising certificate, first-six pupils must attend and pass an assessed advocacy course run by their Inn or Circuit. The second of the Inn's compulsory advocacy courses for pupils took place online in February, attended by 36 pupils. The course

comprises a series of talks on trial preparation and advocacy skills, case analysis sessions, advocacy sessions on closing speeches and witness handling, and interlocutory applications. We would like to thank the Inn's dedicated advocacy trainers for giving up numerous evenings and weekends to teach the Inn's pupils.

New Practitioners' Advocacy & Ethics Course: April and June 2021

The Inn's New Practitioners' courses, which run in April and June, will be being run entirely online this year, after a successful trial of the virtual course last year on UCL's e-learning platform, eXtend. The advocacy part of the online course replicates the training provided at our normal in-person residential weekends, focusing on cases dealing with forensic accountancy and medical expert witnesses. For the ethics component, participants will discuss ethical problems in an interactive online conference setting.

Places on this year's courses were allocated by ballot and are now fully booked for this year, with only waiting list places available. The course provides the full 9 hours' advocacy and 3 hours' ethics CPD requirement, plus a further 8 general CPD hours.

To enquire about the waiting list for the course, please contact **David Miller**.

Reader's Lecture Series

The first lecture in this year's Reader's Lecture Series, entitled *What Does It Mean to Be Anti-Racist in a Profession Full of Privileged People?*, was given on 15 February by Master Leslie Thomas. The second lecture was given by Dr Carmen Draghici, on 8 March and was entitled *The Absolute Ban on Assisted Dying and Lessons from Canada*.

Both lectures were held via Zoom and the videos are available to view on [innertemple.org.uk/resources](https://www.innertemple.org.uk/resources)



Marshalling

Judges with an interest in participating in The Inner Temple Marshalling Scheme, please contact **Richard Loveridge** for further information.

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Social Context of the Law

THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021

Should UK Judges and Ex-Judges Be Sitting in Hong Kong?

The Rt Hon Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury

President of the UK Supreme Court, 2012-2017;
arbitrator, One Essex Court, Lincoln's Inn Bencher

The Rt Hon The Lord Falconer of Thoroton

Shadow Lord Chancellor and Shadow Secretary of
State for Justice, 2015-2016; Senior Counsel, Gibson,
Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Inner Temple Bencher

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Guy Fetherstonhaugh QC

Treasurer, The Inner Temple

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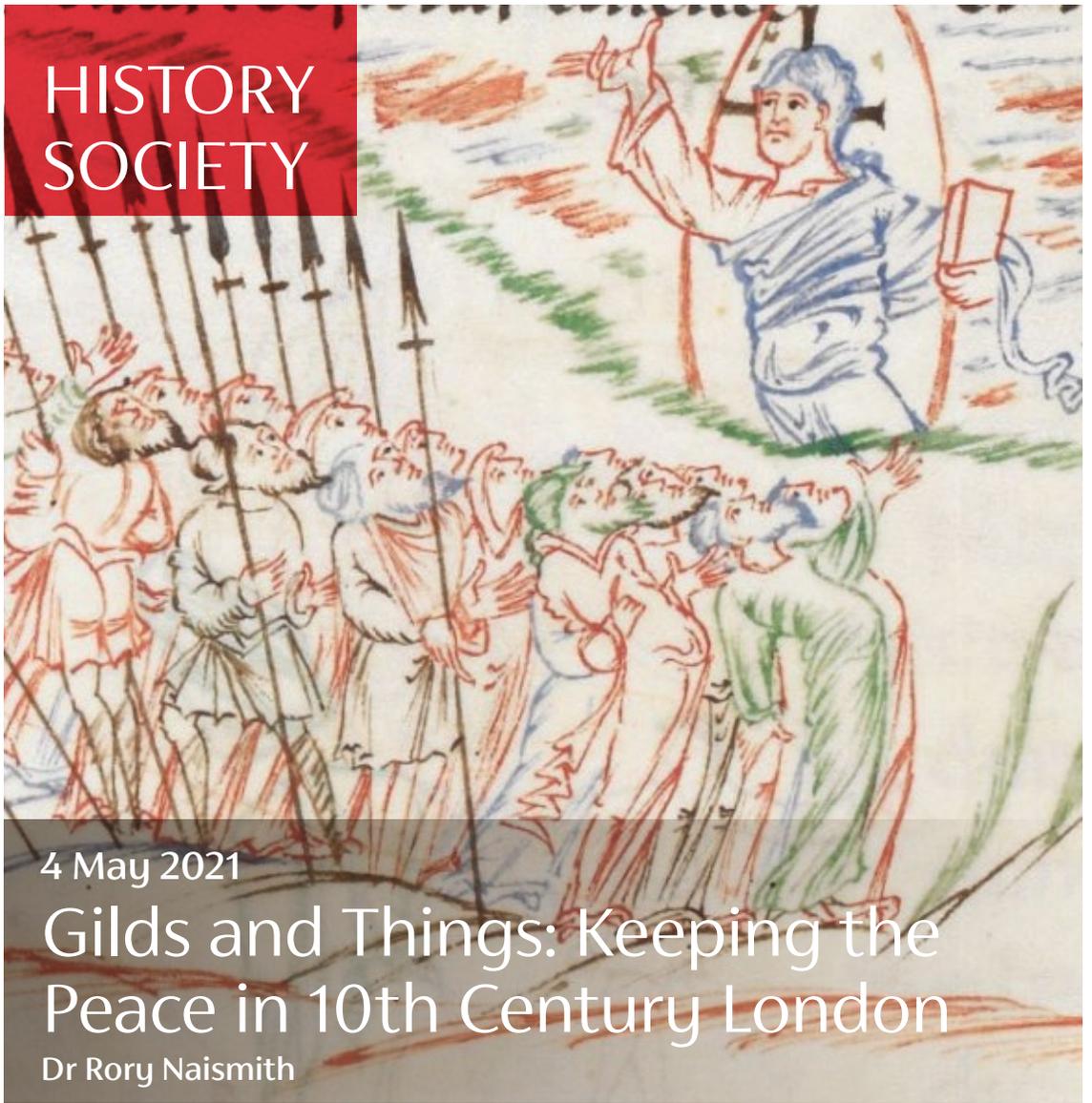
WHERE

Zoom Webinar

WHEN

Lecture: 6pm – 7.30pm

Equivalent to 1hr CPD
1 Qualifying Session



4 May 2021

Gilds and Things: Keeping the Peace in 10th Century London

Dr Rory Naismith

In the early 10th century, the inhabitants of London and the surrounding region formed one of the first recorded guilds in England - the so-called 'peace gild'. This large body was a combination of vigilante group, mutual insurance scheme and charitable organisation. The peace gild drew up its own statutes that accounted for all levels of society, from bishops and aristocrats to destitute widows, and it negotiated with the king to guarantee recognition and support. This talk will examine the gild's achievement,

and consider how legislation contributed to the formation of a distinct town-based community.

Dr Rory Naismith is a lecturer in the History of England before the Norman Conquest in the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at the University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of Corpus Christi College. He has written widely on early medieval England and its neighbours, including *Citadel of the Saxons: The Rise of Early London* (2018).

TO BOOK

innertemple.org.uk/peacegild

COST

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WHERE

Zoom Webinar

WHEN

Tuesday 4 May
5.30pm - 7pm

Recent Events

Social Context of the Law

Prison Reform

2 February

Our thanks to the Rev'd Jonathan Aitken (centre) and Chris Daw QC (top right) for their lively discussion about prison reform and to Master Libby Purves (bottom right) for her excellent moderation.

The lecture is available to watch at innertemple.org.uk/prisonreform



Reader's Lecture Series

Thank you to both Master Leslie Thomas and Dr Carmen Draghici for their fascinating and important lectures.



What Does It Mean to Be Anti-Racist in a Profession Full of Privileged People?

15 February

The lecture is available to watch at innertemple.org.uk/feb21-lecture

The Absolute Ban on Assisted Dying and Lessons from Canada

8 March

The lecture is available to watch at innertemple.org.uk/march21-lecture

Recent Events

International Practice Panel

1 March

Thanks to Master Julian Flaux for chairing and to our speakers; Tom Weisselberg QC, Mavis Amonoo-Acquah, Natasha Jackson, Master Desiree Artesi, Master Andrew Cayley for their stimulating insights and advice about international practice.

The lecture is available to watch at innertemple.org.uk/internationalpanel



Master Andrew Cayley, Master Desiree Artesi, Natasha Jackson, Master Julian Flaux, Mavis Amonoo-Acquah and Tom Weisselberg QC

History Society Lecture

Law in a Time of Plague

Was the Law a Good Doctor?

22 March

Our thanks to Masters John Baker and John Wass for their interesting discussion with Master Donald Cryan.

The lecture is available to watch at innertemple.org.uk/plague



Garden



Early Spring

Sean Harkin, Head Gardener

Crocus 'Ruby Giant' in meadow

It was with great pride that I shared our special garden, as part of this year's Kew Lecture series, in a talk I delivered in February, titled *Tales of the City: Revealing London's Secret Garden*. It opened with a brief history of the garden, followed by a short account of my horticulture journey before the Inn, before going on to share our vision for the garden and the projects we have been working on in the three years since I took over as Head Gardener. The lecture was delivered online which allowed an international audience to join. Images of the garden were met with much excitement, and many from around the world expressed their wish to visit. For those that missed it, I recorded the talk again for the Inn which can be viewed at innertemple.org.uk/garden

During the lecture, I recall retired Curator of RHS Wisley, Jim Gardiner's vision for Wisley. Alongside building one of the world's greatest plant collections, his vision was for Wisley to be a garden for 365 days of the year and for there to be something spectacularly beautiful to enjoy in the garden every single day. This is something that stayed with me from my trainee days and as part of the vision for The Inner Temple we wish to extend the seasonal interest so that every day in the garden has something special to lift one's spirits.

As part of this plan, we have been working on a project which entails bulb planting to create an early spring bulb meadow that sweeps down the grassy bank as one comes through the Main Gates. It will take several years to build

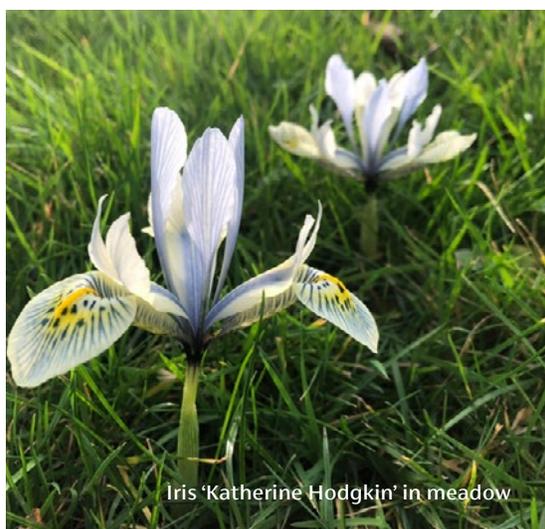


Chinodoxa 'Pink Giant' in meadow

the layers of bulbs coming through from January till May, in the large swathes that will create the 'tapestry' that we wish to achieve.

Starting the show are the snowdrops (*Galanthus*) and winter aconites (*Eranthis*), quickly followed by the pale species *Crocus tomassianus* and slightly later darker form, *Crocus tomassianus* 'Ruby Giant'. Impressively, the snowdrops and aconites can take any weather (snow, wind and rain) that is thrown at them and this year was no exception. Other bulbs such as the crocus are slightly more delicate and can flatten in adverse conditions, in addition to the pigeons that enjoy snacking on the emerging buds.

This year we trialled some small drifts of *Iris reticulata* in the meadow. The earlier, deep purple variety, *Iris* 'Pauline' has long delicate stems that didn't enjoy the adverse weather we received when she



Iris 'Katherine Hodgkin' in meadow



Narcissus 'Topolino' in meadow

appeared. Though the translucent blue Iris 'Katherine Hodgkin', that appeared a couple of weeks later (when the weather was not as bad) had a stockier stem, making her less sensitive to the weather. The miniature Iris need some sun when they emerge, but we observed that the 'Katherine Hodgkin' lasted longer when she was not in direct sun.

The pale blue of 'Katherine Hodgkin' complements the early *Narcissus* that emerge to join her. *Narcissus* 'Topolino' (Italian for 'Little Mouse' or 'Mickey Mouse'), is one of my favourite early ones. I love its pale flowers and small nodding classic daffodil shaped head. We will be building up greater numbers of this in autumn with our annual bulb planting. Those who are observant will notice that 'Topolino' looks very similar to the heritage variety 'WP Milner' which is also planted

in the meadow but comes up a couple of weeks later in mid to late March.

Alongside *Narcissus* 'Topolino', the *Chinodoxa* (translating to 'Glory of the Snow' in Greek) start to flower around the same time. The pale pink stars of *Chinodoxa forbesii* 'Pink Giant' has now been reclassified into *Scilla*, though I'm holding onto its old name. It flowers for a number of weeks and despite being called 'Pink Giant' grows to a height of just 10cm. *Chinodoxa/Scilla forbesii* is native to Western Turkey where it grows up to 8,000 ft, up to the snowline. Many of our favourite early flowering bulbs are Alpines, where in nature they take advantage of the melting snow and rising temperatures but are thankfully adaptable to our garden conditions.

I'll leave you with one of the most delicate beauties that also emerges at this time. *Narcissus bulbocodium* 'Artic Bells' is known as the 'hoop-petticoat daffodil'. She is native to the west of France, Spain, Portugal and Morocco growing in a variety of situations from near sea-level in France and Portugal to over 9,800 ft in the High Atlas Mountains in Morocco. 'Artic Bells' is the same as the species though paler, which we find more elegant. This year we grew her in small terracotta pans to place at key spots to be enjoyed up close. Once she had finished flowering, we planted the bulbs into the meadow, hoping she can mimic her conditions in nature to seed and spread.

It will not come as a surprise that Spring comes out in a poll as the favourite season among the Garden Team. There is a freshness and vitality that is hard to beat. After Winter (and a very wet one at that!) every individual flower that joins the lengthening days are a joy. We feel any planting that helps to bring forward the joy of this season as early as possible is very welcome. The team and I hope you enjoy watching our tapestry of early season bulbs build and develop over the coming years.



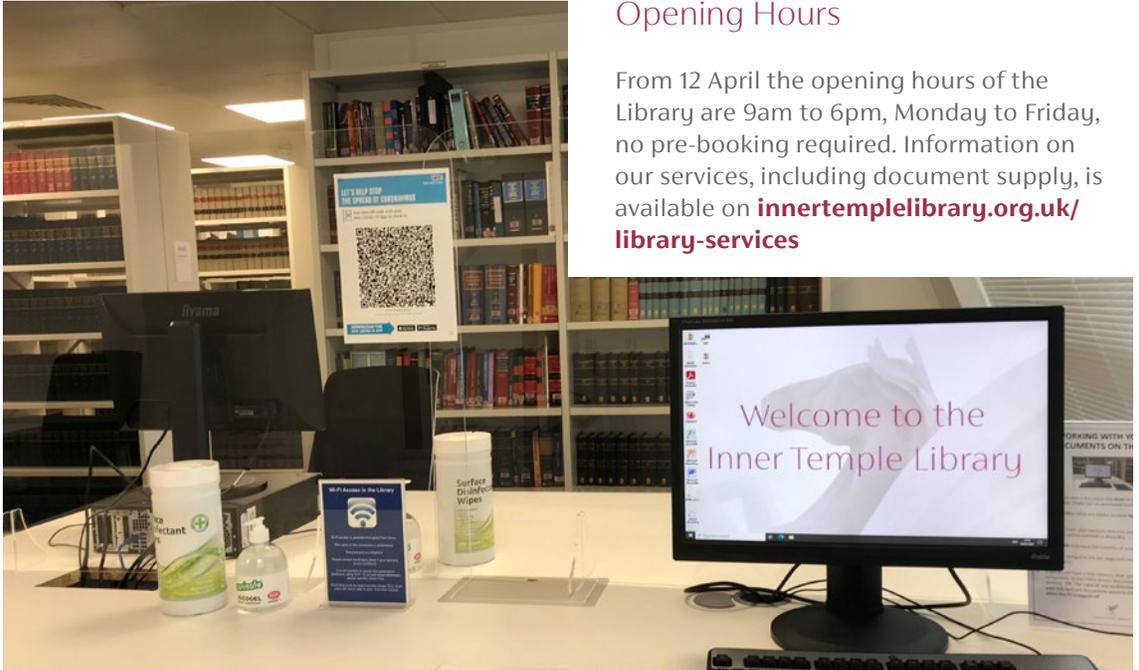
Narcissus bulbocodium 'Artic Bells' in pot by sundial

Library



Opening Hours

From 12 April the opening hours of the Library are 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, no pre-booking required. Information on our services, including document supply, is available on innertemplelibrary.org.uk/library-services



Inn's of Court College of Advocacy Bar Course (ICCA)

Part 2 of the new ICCA Bar Course started on 22 March 2021.

The Inn Libraries were asked to collaborate in giving a lecture on legal research and producing an accompanying guide. The Inner Temple's Deputy Librarian was involved in working on the lecture with colleagues from Lincoln's Inn and Middle Temple. The lecture was delivered via Zoom on 23 March to the full cohort of ICCA students.

In addition to the lecture and guide, all the Inn Libraries created virtual inductions for students which, along with the guide and lecture, will be hosted on ICCA's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment).

Preparations for all these components took several months, but happily the collaboration between the Inn Libraries was a success, and represents a development which can (we hope) be repeated in other areas.



Annual Review

The Library's annual review of activities for 2020 is now on our [website](#).

Wednesday 9 June, 7.30pm | Temple Church

Jeffrey Siegel *piano*

Keyboard Conversations: *Music of Joy and Peace*

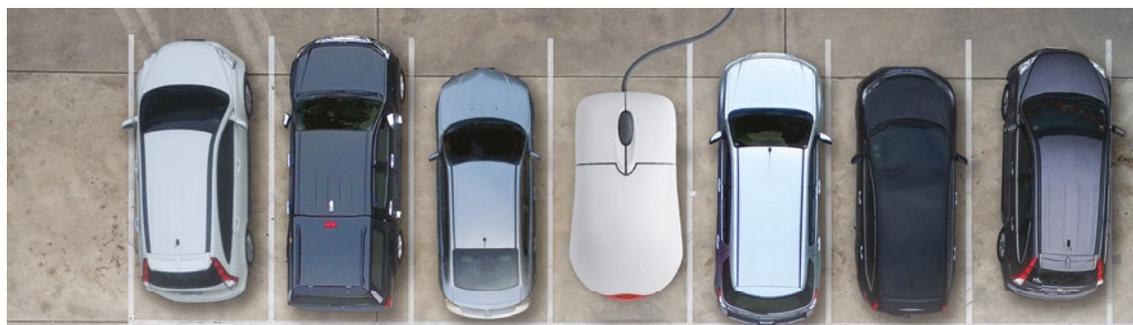
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Contact Rosy Humphrey on members@innertemple.org.uk if you have any queries or need to activate your online account.

Please note that you cannot buy permits retrospectively and will be charged £35 for permits not purchased on, or prior, to the day of parking.

The Inn will continue to provide two free parking permits for Inner Temple Chambers, for essential staff and members, until 30 July 2021. Please contact Rosy to arrange this.



Project Pegasus

Project Update

Works continue apace including:

- M&E 1st fix installation throughout the building
- Installation of stone to 4th floor breakout space
- Carpentry to the new Mansard roof structure including the new Dormer windows
- Installation of new copper for gutters & dormers
- Installation of Roof lights
- Reinstallation of library joinery
- Flat roof membrane installation to the new Mansard
- Installation of new lifts
- Fit-out of ground floor washrooms
- 1st fix joinery throughout the building
- Removal of temporary scaffold roof to parapet level on the west



We are delighted to share this virtual tour of
The Inner Temple's new and refurbished event spaces
- launching in autumn 2021.
innertemplevenuehire.co.uk

The Sir Robert McAlpine Special Projects site team offices are based in the former Treasury Office. If you have any comments, concerns or questions about the construction activities you can contact john.walker@srm.com
07866 783 710

The permitted site working hours are from:
8.00am to 6.00pm
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 2.00pm
Saturday (when required)

You can keep up to date with activities on site by signing up for the weekly construction update which gives a two week forward view of what is happening on site. You can sign up for this newsletter via innertemple.org.uk/project-pegasus



MASTER H MEETS...

Master Alastair Hodge, in his role as Master of Revels, has planned a series of conversations with a variety of people from The Inner Temple.

Monday 12 April 2021 at 6.30pm
Master H Meets...Rehana Azib, 2TG
(Inner Temple Bencher & Course Director for Pupil Advocacy)

Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.30pm
Master H Meets...Sean Harkin
(Inner Temple Head Gardener)

Monday 24 May 2021 at 6.30pm
Master H Meets...Fern Schofield
(Pupil Advocacy Prize Winner 2018, Tenant at Falcon Chambers)

Monday 14 June 2021 at 6.30pm
Master H Meets...The Hon Mrs Justice Alison Foster DBE
(Inner Temple Bencher, Master of the Staff and Master of Pictures)

Monday 12 July 2021 (TBC) at 6.30pm
Master H Meets...Dr Tunde Okewale MBE,
Doughty Street Chambers
(Inner Temple Bencher & Founder of Urban Lawyers)

If you miss the conversation you can catch up at
innertemple.org.uk/masterhmeetsagain

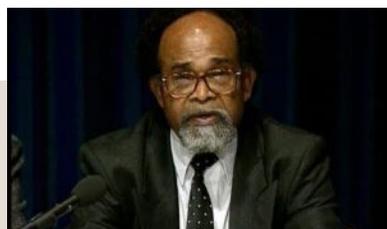
HOW TO WATCH

No need to book
Details of how to join are at
innertemple.org.uk/masterh

ENQUIRIES
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Unearthing ‘Firsts’ from the Archive

Ayah Al-Rawni, Archive Assistant



Clockwise from top left,
Dame Eugenia Charles, Francis Lacey,
Len Woodley QC, The Rt Hon The
Baroness Hallett DBE, The Rt Hon Joyce
Bamford-Addo JSC, Sir Ernest De Silva

The Inner Temple is compiling a list of members who were the first to do, begin or achieve something significant in their lives. It's a global list made up of trailblazers within the legal profession, politicians, activists, writers, explorers, and individuals recognised for excellence in different fields.

Contributors to the field of law consist of a large number of firsts especially for women. In 1919, the Inn admitted the first woman to be called to the Bar, Ivy Williams. As well as the first woman to practise at the Burmese Bar, Dar Phar Hmee (1902–1962), Dame Elizabeth Lane (1905–1988) was the first woman at any Inn to be elected a Bencher as well as serving as the first woman High Court Judge. Eugenia Charles DBE (1919–2005) was the first woman to become a lawyer in Dominica as well as the first to be Prime Minister of that country in 1980. More recently our former Treasurers, The Rt Hon the Baroness Butler-Sloss GBE, was

the first woman Lord Justice of Appeal and The Rt Hon The Baroness Hallett DBE was the first woman to Chair the Bar Council. Leonard Woodley was the first person of Afro-Caribbean heritage to become a QC.

There were some extraordinary pioneer firsts, such as Christian Frederic Cole, a Creole lawyer from Sierra Leone, who was the first black African barrister to be called to the English Bar. The Rt Hon Joyce Bamford-Addo JSC, called to the Bar in 1961, was the first woman to serve as Speaker in an African Parliament, (Ghana, 2009).

Some of the firsts, like Albert Ernest De Silva, who was called to the Bar in 1912, were drivers of social and political change. Among many contributions to health care, De Silva established Ceylon's first tuberculosis sanatorium. In Britain, Godfrey Benson 1st Baron Charnwood, a politician and philanthropist, was the first President of the National Institute for the Deaf from 1924 until 1935. The organisation played a key role in influencing public policy in favor of, as well as providing support for, deaf and hard of hearing people. Sir Richard Acland 15th Baronet, a politician and novelist, called to the Bar in 1930, was one of the founders of the campaign for nuclear disarmament.

In researching individuals some rather unexpected firsts were discovered. Samuel Lysons was one of the first archaeologists to investigate Roman sites in Britain. Frances Lacey who was called to the Bar in 1889 and practised as a barrister, was the first person to be knighted for services to cricket. A few centuries earlier Sir Roger Paratt, admitted to the Bar in 1640, was the first English architect to be knighted for his services. Finally, it would be amiss to not mention Sir Francis Drake, the first man to circumnavigate the earth, and first Englishman, on record, to see the Pacific Ocean with his own eyes.

This is just a small selection of Inner Temple firsts, but the wider list of members and their fascinating stories, reveal the breadth of talent, influence, and social responsibility within the institution's legacy. Celebrating and showcasing these distinguished individuals will hopefully inspire both current and future members and reflect the spirit of the new Pegasus building.

innertemple.org.uk/famous-members
innertemple.org.uk/women-in-law

This Term's Highlights

Syed Amir Ali (1849-1928)

Admitted: 2 May 1870

Founder of the All India Muslim League and first Indian member of the Privy Council.

Musa Alami (1897-1984)

Admitted: 21 April 1920

Leader of the Palestinian Arabs.

Lord Goddard (1877-1971)

Admitted: 23 March 1896

First Lord Chief Justice to be appointed by a Labour government and first to hold a law degree.

Richard Acland (1906-1990)

Admitted: 24 April 1927

One of the founders of CND.

Liaquat Ali Khan (1895-1951)

Call: 10 May 1922

First Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Kobina Sekyi (1892-1956)

Call: 24 April 1918

Nationalist lawyer, politician and writer in the Gold Coast.

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Dame Eugenia Charles Prime Minister Of Dominica 27 October 1993
(Allstar Picture Library / Alamy Stock Photo)

The Rt Hon Joyce Bamford-Addo JSC
(Jim Watson/AFP/Gettyimages)

Temple Church Easter Term

Some special
highlights and dates
for your diary

We are gradually re-opening! For the first few weeks after Easter we will – thanks to distancing and some building-works – have to keep numbers in Church itself very low; we greatly look forward to welcoming ever more members back as we return to normal. Meanwhile, we are streaming all our services and organ recitals, and will continue to do so into the future. Access to all our services and recitals is via our homepage, www.templechurch.com. Do join us online when you can.

To join us in person, April – mid-June, please contact **Catherine de Satgé**

Our regular Services continue online, gradually returning, April – mid-June, to entirely 'live' music and to open doors:

Sunday:

Choral Communion/Mattins, 11.15am

Wednesday:

Choral Evensong, 6.00pm

Our regular Organ Recitals continue online, gradually returning, April – mid-June, to open doors:

Wednesdays, 1.15pm -1.45pm

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We are holding a choral service every Wednesday at 6pm during term-time.

APRIL

Wednesday 14 April, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

From this service onwards, small/growing congregation and online

MAY

Wednesday 12 May, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION DAY

JUNE

Friday 11 June, 7.30pm

CONCERT

The Temple Church Choir; Roger Sayer, Director of Music and Charles Andrews, Organ. Live broadcast on BBC Radio 3. Music to include a new commission for the Temple Church Choir. Ken Hesketh, composer; Thomas Guthrie, librettist.

Wednesday 16 June, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG IN CELEBRATION OF MAGNA CARTA AND THE RULE OF LAW

Wednesday 30 June, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ST PETER'S DAY WITH THE TEMPLE CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR

JULY

Wednesday 7 July, 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG TO CELEBRATE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday 21 July 6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH JAZZ TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE LEGAL YEAR

Sunday 25 July, 11.15am

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND CHORAL COMMUNION

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London. If you or anyone in your family would like to consider Confirmation this summer, please do get in touch with the **Master** or the **Reader**. They will be delighted to hear from you. Classes will begin after Easter, either by Zoom or in person.



Temple Music

World-class classical music in the historic spaces of The Temple



Temple Church Choir

Friday 11 June, 7.30pm
Temple Church

Sacred choral music by
Bach, Britten, Handel and
Poulenc.



The Holst Singers Stephen Layton *director*

Tuesday 15 June, 7.30pm
Temple Church

Fauré Requiem
Jonathan Dove
The Passing of the Year



Lucy Crowe *soprano* Julius Drake *piano*

Thursday 24 June, 7pm
Temple Church

Strauss Four Last Songs
Berg Seven Early Songs
and songs by **Schumann**



Concert curated by John Ashton Thomas

Monday 28 June 7pm
Temple Church

A concert of music written
and chosen by the
acclaimed composer, John
Ashton Thomas,
featuring a line-up of
leading musicians hand-
picked by him.



Temple Singers Thomas Allery *director*

Monday 12 July, 7pm
Temple Church

A programme of Venetian
music including works by
Monteverdi, Brahms,
Gabrieli and **Lotti**



Mark Padmore *tenor* Roderick Williams *baritone* Julius Drake *piano*

Wednesday 21 July, 7pm
Middle Temple Hall

Music spanning the
centuries including works
by **Schubert, Schumann**
and **Brahms**.

All Temple Music concerts are Covid-Secure

These concert details are subject to change so please keep an eye on our website and social media platforms for the most up-to-date news and information, or join our e-list from our website.

Whilst social distancing requirements are in place the ticket capacity for all of our concerts is limited. Priority booking is available to Temple Music Circle members - to find out more visit templemusic.org/support-us.

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Staff News



AYAH AL RAWNI

We welcome Ayah Al Rawni to the Archive Department. As a history graduate, she has over six years' experience in the heritage sector and is currently completing a masters in Archives Administration. We look forward to working with her.



SUSAN KEELING

Susan joined the Temple Church as the Music Administrator in January. She is a music graduate and has worked in arts administration for over 20 years. Previously, Susan had worked for a number of prestigious organisations: the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, Westminster Abbey Choir, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the World Orchestra for Peace and an artist agency managing opera singers. Susan has a keen passion for choral music and also architectural history. We look forward to working with her.



LEIGH TREFNY

Leigh recently joined the Archive Department as a Temporary Researcher. In 2017 she completed a master's in European History, jointly awarded by King's College, London, and Humboldt University, Berlin. She is currently studying at University College, London to gain a master's in Archives and Records Management.



JASON PERRY

Jason joined the Inn as the new Porter on 24 May, from the Metropolitan Police. He had previously spent 22 years in the British Army (Household Cavalry Regiment). He enjoys keeping fit, history and politics. He completed the London Marathon in 2015 raising money for the Royal British Legion. We look forward to working with him.

LUCIA ASNAGHI

Lucia first joined the Library team as a shelving assistant in 2009 and worked in the evenings helping to keep the Library tidy. She remained in this post for a few years and then in 2016 Lucia returned as a full time Library Assistant. In her time as a member of the team Lucia was very conscientious and carried out all her duties thoroughly and with great attention to detail. We are sorry she is leaving but wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Long Service

Many congratulations to the following member of staff who has completed a significant period of employment at the Inn.

20 YEARS

Tony Baca, Lead Plumber



OFFERS

Would you like a piece of the Inn's history? With re-configured spaces in the Treasury Building, members are offered the opportunity to purchase items which will be surplus to requirements in the new spaces.

Ten 12 light brass chandeliers of 44"/111.76cms, two tiers of scrolling candle arms, central pendant and ball finial, with chain suspension adaptable for different ceiling heights.

Six 12 light brass chandeliers of 28"/71.12cms, two tiers of scrolling candle arms, central pendant and ball finial, chain suspension.

Suggested price guide per chandelier £500.

Last remaining solid oak table from Hall, 78cms x 330cms, available for sale. Price guide £500.



Closing date for offers: 15 May
Contact: Jacqueline Fenton on jfenton@innertemple.org.uk

Easter Term Diary

APRIL

- 12 Bar Liaison Committee
Master H Meets...Rehana Azib
- 13 Easter Term Law Sittings Begin
- 14 Discovery Day for Schools
Books Sub-Committee
What Does a Master of the Bench Do
- 21 Education & Training Committee
- 22 Library Committee
- 26 Qualifying Sessions Committee
- 28 Pension Scheme Trustees
Student Engagement and Support
Committee
- 29 Bench Table
Pupil Supervisors' Training Session
- 30 **EDI: Disability at the Bar**

KEY

Green: Qualifying Sessions

Blue: Special Events

Bronze: Bencher only Events

MAY

- 1 **Advocacy Skills Session**
- 4 **History Society Lecture**
Estates Committee
- 5 Investment Sub-Committee
- 6 **Social Context of the Law Series**
Advocacy Training Committee
- 7-9 **Students' Residential Advocacy
Weekend**
- 10 Bar Liaison Committee
Master H Meets...Sean Harkin
- 11 Executive Committee
- 12 **Advocacy Skills Session**
- 13 **Ethics in Practice**
International Committee
- 19 Scholarships and Outreach
Committee
- 20 EDI Sub-Committee
- 21 **Circuit Ethics Session**
- 27 **Easter Term Call Night**
- 24 **Master H Meets...Fern Schofield**
- 28 Easter Term Law Sittings End

JUNE

- 7 Bar Liaison Committee
- 8 Trinity Term Law Sittings Begin
Executive Committee

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CHAUCER ROOM

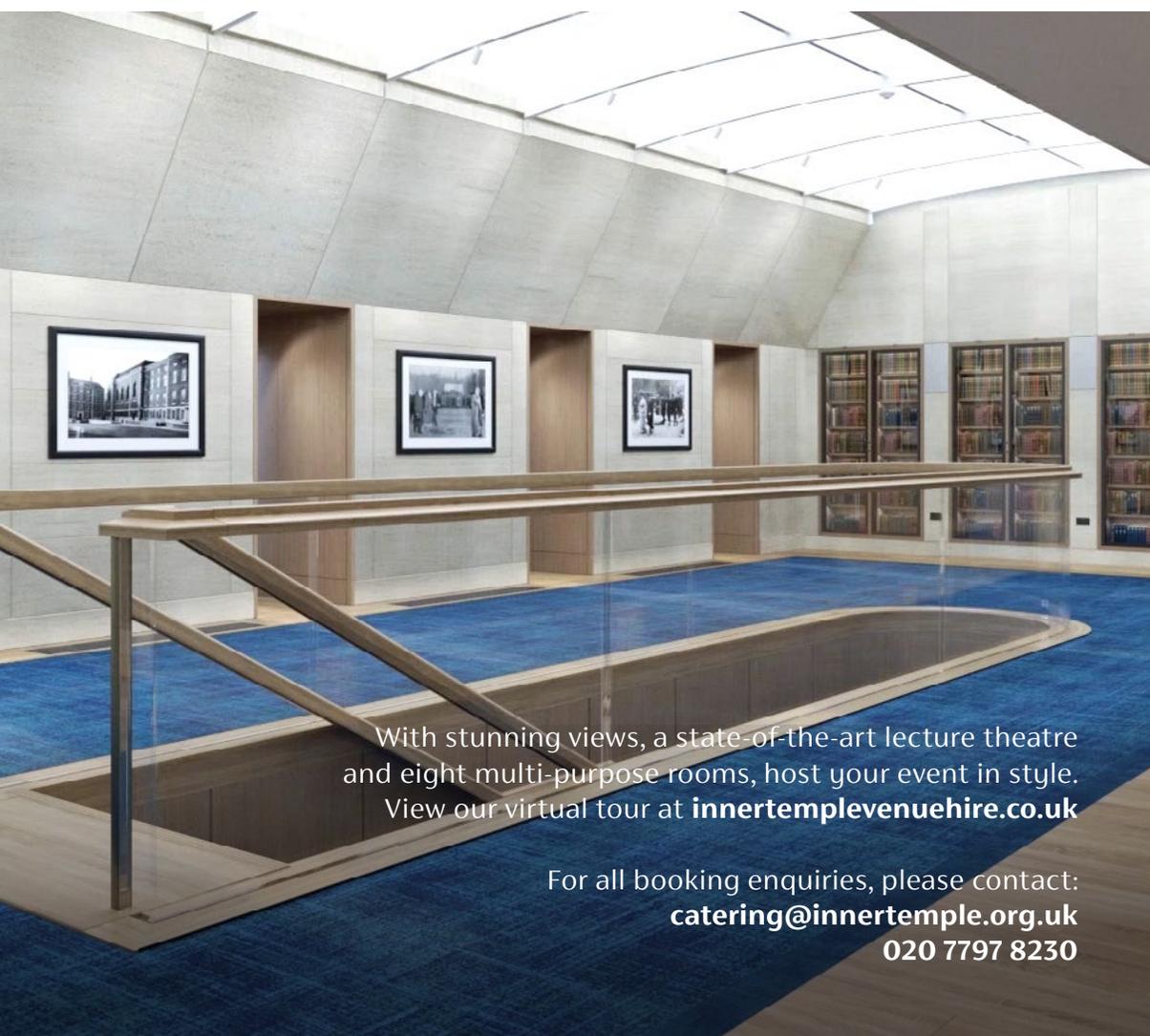


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