



# INNERVIEW

*Newsletter of The Inner Temple*

*Hilary 2025*



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# From the Treasurer

It is a great privilege for me to become the Inn's Treasurer. In my year in office I intend to do all that I can to ensure that a career at the Bar remains open to everyone, regardless of their background or parents' income.

The Inn already does much towards achieving that goal. We are justly proud of the outreach efforts of our Education & Training Department. The Inn plans to spend over £5m on educational activities in 2025, including over £2m on scholarships. Our Pegasus Access and Support Scheme (PASS) is widely praised for helping those underrepresented groups who might otherwise find the start to a career at the Bar too daunting to attempt. But as the cost of qualifying increases relentlessly every year, we can and must do more, individually and collectively, through our chambers, Specialist Bar Associations, and as an Inn.

Our Inn faces a number of major challenges in the coming year. The cost of running the Inn has increased dramatically since we reopened after Project Pegasus. We have made an operating loss in every financial year since then. This is not unexpected, but we will take longer than planned to return to the black. We urgently need to balance our budget, by increasing our income and reducing our costs, without compromising our vital educational work.

More seriously there are regulatory proposals that threaten to make practice at the Bar even more hazardous than at present, and which even threaten the Inn's own core purpose. These threats come in general and specific forms.

The general form is reflected in Professor Stephen Mayerson's *Second Supplementary Report of the Independent Review of Legal Services Regulation*, published last September. The Legal Services Act 2007 makes "protecting and promoting the public interest" a regulatory objective to be pursued by the Legal Services Board and approved regulators such as the Bar Standards Board (BSB). But Professor Mayerson argues that advancing that objective should also be a regulatory obligation of every individual lawyer, even at the expense of their clients' interests. This sounds laudable – but what would it mean in

practice? Who is to judge what is in the public interest? Professor Mayerson's amorphous definition shows clearly how impractical this would be as a regulatory obligation, with penalties for its breach.

Moreover, imposing this as a professional standard would have a seriously chilling effect on access to justice. Transactional and defence lawyers would have to judge whether their client's instructions conformed to this vague "public interest" standard. Those concerned for reputations or by the regulatory threat would probably err on the side of caution. That would leave many clients unrepresented or poorly represented – a situation which a practical system of regulation should avoid.

More specifically to the Bar, the BSB has recently consulted on its proposal to place a positive obligation on barristers to "act in a way that advances equality, diversity, and inclusion" when providing legal services. Again, this sounds like an entirely worthy objective. The Inner Temple of course strongly supports the idea of advancing equality, diversity and inclusion, and constantly seeks practical ways of doing so. But how is the required "advancing" to be judged? What are members of the Bar to be required in practice to do? For example, if the number of members with protected characteristics in a set of chambers remains constant every year, would the whole set automatically breach their duty to "advance" diversity?

The BSB's proposals are of specific concern to the Inn, because they envisage a regulatory requirement for barristers to take reasonable steps to ensure that the premises from which they practice are "fully accessible" within five years from when the new rules come into force. The Inn has spent great efforts and large sums of money doing what it can to make its premises accessible. But many of the listed buildings in our estate cannot be made "fully accessible" – it is either physically impossible or we would never get permission to do the major re-building necessary. We rely on rents to fund our educational activities. Is it the BSB's intention indirectly to drive the Bar out of the Inns of Court and to end those activities?



In company with the other Inns and the Bar Council, we are doing our best to persuade the BSB to think again. Failing that, very regrettably, we may find ourselves in a major legal dispute with the Bar’s regulator.

Enough of serious matters. Another objective for 2025 is to do my best to ensure the members of The Inner Temple gain as much enjoyment from their membership as we can reasonably provide.

I hope to make this a very musical year. The Inn and the Temple Music Foundation (TMF) are jointly staging the Prelude and Act III of *Parsifal* in Temple Church in early April, and Opera Holland Park will stage *Trial by Jury* in Hall at the start of July. Our Summer Party later that month will have a New Orleans theme. I am also collaborating with the internationally distinguished accompanist, Anna Tilbrook, to try to bring some high quality music to Grand Day and to some of our other social events throughout the year: and we are very fortunate that the Master of the King’s Music, Errollyn Wallen CBE, has agreed to become our Honorary Bencher.

We very much hope to see her in the Inn (and to hear her enthralling music) at some point this year - all of this on top of the more regular musical delights provided by Temple Church and the TMF.

I cannot end without a heartfelt tribute to Michael Soole, Treasurer in 2024. Michael’s has been a very assured hand guiding the Inn through the past year. He has been a thoroughly good-humoured and approachable Treasurer, someone that everyone – me, most especially – has relished working with. He will be a very hard act to follow.

Fortunately, I have two very able colleagues as Principal Officers this year: the Reader, Helen Davies (Treasurer, 2026); and the Reader-Elect, Juliet May (Treasurer, 2027). I greatly look forward to working with them, and with our excellent and hardworking staff, to offer all Inner Temple members a happy and successful year.

**Richard Salter KC**  
**Treasurer**

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## INNERVIEW

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# Who's Who 2025

**TREASURER**  
Richard Salter KC

**READER**  
Helen Davies KC

**READER ELECT**  
The Hon Mrs Justice Juliet May DBE

## Announcements

For our full list of appointments, please go to [innertemple.org.uk/appointments](https://innertemple.org.uk/appointments)

Congratulations to Master Sirah Abraham, Honorary Bencher, who won the Employed Barrister of the Year in the Public Sector, at the Bar Council Employed Bar Awards on 10 October. The award was sponsored by The Inner Temple.

The Hon Mr Justice Harrison (Richard Harrison KC) has been appointed to be a judge of the High Court, Family Division, with effect from 2 December 2024.

The President of the King's Bench Division has appointed Master Christina Lambert (Mrs Justice Lambert) as Judge in Charge of the King's Bench Civil List with effect from 1 January 2025.

Master Alison Levitt (Her Honour Judge Levitt KC) has been appointed to the House of Lords as a life peer on the Labour benches.

Master Philip Moor (Sir Philip Moor) retired as a Judge of the High Court (Family Division) with effect from 3 October 2024.





# New Benchers

We are delighted to announce that the following have been elected  
as Masters of the Bench of The Inner Temple:

Listed in alphabetical order

## JUDICIAL GOVERNING BENCHER

The Hon Mr Justice Dexter Dias, called 1988

The Hon Mr Justice Harrison, called 1993

## ACADEMIC BENCHERS

Professor Mark Hallett – Märit Rausing Director of  
the Courtauld Institute of Art

Professor David McLachlan KC – Professor of Criminal Legal Practice,  
Manchester Metropolitan University

Professor Jennifer Payne – Warden of Merton College, University of Oxford

## HONORARY BENCHERS

Sirah Abraham – Justice Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth  
and Development Office

Brigadier General Malinda E Dunn USA (Ret.) – Executive Director  
of the American Inns of Court

Justice L Nageswara Rao – Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India;  
Door tenant of 39 Essex Chambers

Dr James Renwick AM CSC SC – Senior Counsel NSW Bar, 12th Wentworth  
Selborne Chambers

Errollyn Wallen CBE – Master of the King's Music





Save the Date for  
our Circuit Dinners

## We're Going on Circuit

**7 February**

Midland Circuit Dinner in Birmingham  
Book: [innertemple.org.uk/midland](https://innertemple.org.uk/midland)

**28 February**

Wales and Chester Circuit Dinner in Cardiff  
Book: [innertemple.org.uk/walesdinner](https://innertemple.org.uk/walesdinner)

**14 March**

North Eastern Circuit Dinner in York  
Book: [innertemple.org.uk/northeastern](https://innertemple.org.uk/northeastern)

**17 October**

Western Circuit Dinner in Bristol

**14 November**

Northern Circuit Dinner in Manchester

**26 November**

South Eastern Circuit Dinner in London

We would love to  
have you join us at  
one of our Circuit  
Dinners this year.

Please look out for more information  
in the Term Events Notice or online at  
[innertemple.org.uk/circuits](https://innertemple.org.uk/circuits)

## SAVE THE DATE Governing Bencher Elections 2025

The annual Bencher Election nomination period opens mid March. If you are interested in applying, please keep an eye on our website and social media channels.

Further details on what Benchers do and guidance on how to apply are available at [innertemple.org.uk/bencherelections](https://innertemple.org.uk/bencherelections)





# Candles and Diffusers



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Temple Music Foundation

# Parsifal

Act III with the Prelude to Act I



A joint production with



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF

THE INNER TEMPLE

Thursday 3rd &  
Friday 4th April 2025

7pm  
Temple Church



## Thursday Gala Dinner

A Gala dinner will take place in Inner Temple Hall  
after the performance on Thursday (tickets: £95)



**Tickets: £20 – £115**

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## Treasurer's Reception for Members

2 October



## Bar Council Employed Bar Awards

10 October

Master Sirah Abraham won the Employed Barrister of the Year in the Public Sector award, sponsored by The Inner Temple, and presented by Master Barbara Mills.

Photo courtesy of Bar Council / Jonathan Goldberg





## Recent Events

### Bar Guest Night 11 October



## Social Context of the Law

### Environmental Law: Regulation and the Right to Protest 15 October

Our thanks to the speakers, Master Simblet and Sudhanshu Swaroop KC, for their insightful discussion and to Master Saira Kabir Sheikh for moderating.

Available to watch at [innertemple.org.uk/environmentallaw](https://innertemple.org.uk/environmentallaw)



## Benchers' Night 17 October



## Northern Circuit Dinner in Liverpool 25 October



## History Society Lecture

The Winding Stair: Inside the bitter rivalry  
of Edward Coke and Francis Bacon (and its  
consequences) 16 October



Our thanks to The Rt Hon  
Jesse Norman MP for his  
absorbing talk. Available to  
watch at [innertemple.org.  
uk/windingstair](https://innertemple.org.uk/windingstair)

## Employed Bar Forum: Lord Ken Macdonald KC

29 October

Our thanks to Master Ken  
Macdonald for his fascinating  
talk. Available to watch  
at [innertemple.org.uk/  
ebfmacdonald](https://innertemple.org.uk/ebfmacdonald)





## Recent Events

# Grand Day

6 November



Lord Attlee with the Treasurer in front of the portrait of his grandfather, Clement Attlee.





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## Dinner for Barristers' and Judges' Clerks

20 November

## Wednesday 19 February Private Guest Night

Private Guest Nights are wonderful social occasions to which Students, Members of Hall and Benchers can invite friends, family, colleagues and clients to enjoy the Inn's excellent hospitality.

Benchers may invite one guest. Members of Hall and Students may invite more than one guest, subject to capacity.

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### TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/pgn](http://innertemple.org.uk/pgn)

Benchers/Called Members and guests £110.25 each  
Under 7 years' Call and guests £73.35 each  
Students and guests £47.25 each



Recent Events



Christmas  
Lunch  
15 December





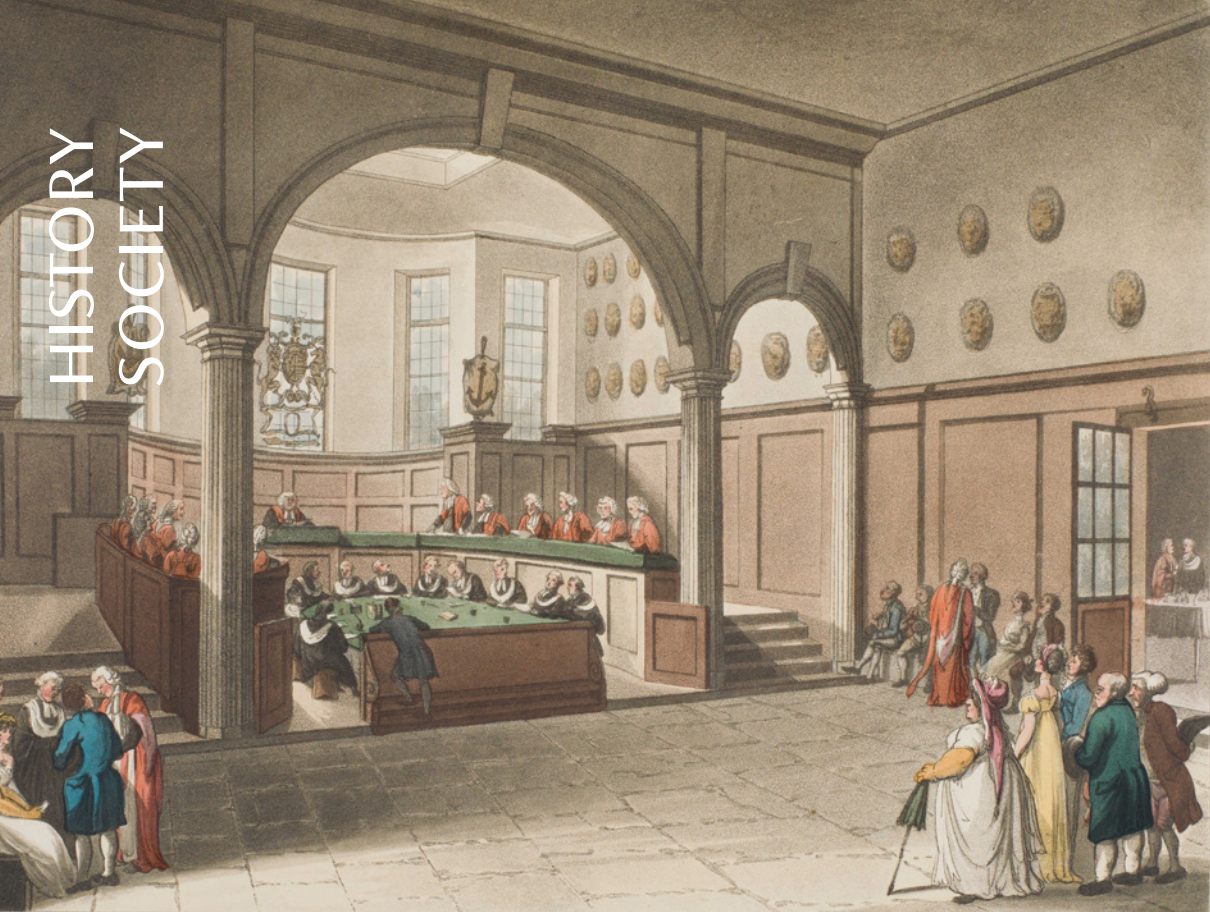


## Children's Christmas Tea

15 December







Wednesday 26 March 2025

# The Appeal Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury

## The Court of Arches: Ancient and Modern

**Professor Norman Doe KC (Hon)**  
Director of the Centre for Law and Religion  
and Inner Temple Bencher

**Morag Ellis KC**  
Dean of Arches and Auditor and  
Gray's Inn Bencher

Norman Doe will talk about the historical development of the Court of Arches from medieval times and beyond the Reformation of the 16th century, in terms of its origins, jurisdiction, officers, processes and contribution to ecclesiastical jurisprudence. Morag Ellis will take up the story from the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act 1963 and speak about the work of the Court of Arches today and its place in the judicial system of the modern Church of England.

**BOOK**  
[innertemple.org.uk/courttofarches](http://innertemple.org.uk/courttofarches)  
020 7797 8264

**WHERE**  
In person and livestreamed  
from The Inner Temple

**TICKETS**  
In Person £13; Online Free

**WHEN**  
6.45pm – 7.45pm (GMT)

SUPPORTED BY FTB CHAMBERS



Francis Taylor Building



# Social Context of the Law

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025

## Handing Back the Past: Cultural Repatriation

EQUIVALENT TO 1HR CPD

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### TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/repatriation](http://innertemple.org.uk/repatriation)

#### COST

In person £13

Online: £10

#### ENQUIRIES

[members@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:members@innertemple.org.uk)

020 7797 8250

#### WHERE

In-person and livestreamed from The Inner Temple

#### WHEN

Lecture: 6pm – 7.20pm

Sunday 30 March 12.30pm

## Mothering Sunday Lunch

A buffet style Sunday lunch (with no seating plan) for members of the Inns and their guests to celebrate Mothers' Day. Preceded by Choral Communion in Temple Church at 11.15am, for those who would like to attend.

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### TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/mothersday](http://innertemple.org.uk/mothersday)

Open to: Members of the Inns,  
their families and friends

Adult £50; IT Student £31.50 Child (6-16 yrs) £25.20;  
Child (under 6 yrs) £13.85



## ‘Movers & Returners’ Conference

Supporting barristers with planning breaks, returning and moving practice.

22 May 2025

There are many reasons for barristers taking a break from practice, including maternity leave, health matters or to focus on other interests. It is recognised that it can be particularly difficult to return to work after a longer break or if the individual has not maintained contact with their work environment or professional colleagues.

In 2022, the Bar Council reported that 26% of female and 10% of male self-employed barristers said they were primary carers. Data suggests a risk to talent retention at the Bar due to difficulties experienced by its members accessing support to return or transfer practice area. The Inner Temple is therefore supporting an initiative led by the Bar Council to signpost resources available to practitioners, develop further online resources and host interactive informative

sessions during a one-day conference in 2025. By sharing guidance, resources and micro-mentoring support to delegates, the Inn aims to assist those planning career breaks, seeking to return to practice or considering moving practice area.

The free event is open to all. Further information on the programme and registration for the event will be found on [innertemple.org.uk/returningtothebar](https://innertemple.org.uk/returningtothebar)

We are actively seeking trained mentors for the event to support our micro-mentoring networking sessions across employed and self-employed practice areas. If you would like to volunteer please contact **David Miller**.

## Judges We Need You!

### Inner Temple Marshalling Scheme 2025

The Marshalling Scheme affords student members of the Inn the opportunity to spend up to a week sitting with a judge in England or Wales. The experience will provide students with a unique opportunity to observe the workings of the court from an entirely different perspective.

The scheme is open to Inner Temple student members who are:

- Current Bar Course students.
- Yet to obtain pupillage but have completed the Bar Training Course.

We need judges from all areas of law, specifically civil, criminal, public and family in and outside of London.

To volunteer, please click [here](#).

## PASS

PASS is our flagship outreach scheme designed to improve access to the profession and to support high achieving aspiring barristers from under-represented backgrounds by providing experiences and developing skills that will support a career at the Bar. All PASS scholars attended non-fee paying schools and are at least an academic year away from starting the Bar Course.

On Saturday 26 October, we welcomed our new cohort of Pegasus Access and Support Scheme (PASS) scholars to the Inn. 67 scholars attended, receiving tours of our Treasury Building from practising barristers and judges while hearing about their professional lives. Scholars engaged in an informal advocacy session, where five Inn-accredited advocacy trainers spoke about what skills inform strong advocacy before giving students the chance to pair up and try an advocacy exercise.

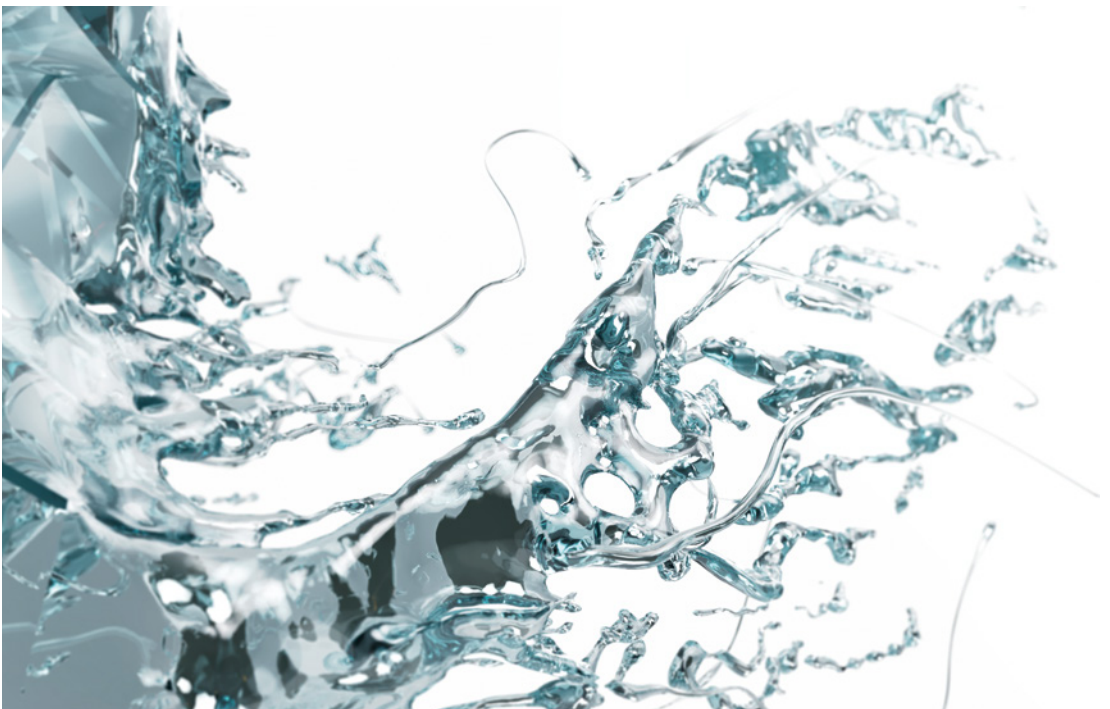
Scholars also heard from members of the Inn about their varied journeys to the Bar as well as receiving first hand advice about succeeding in the scholarship and pupillage application process.

Our Insight Afternoon for aspiring barristers was also held on Saturday 26 October at the Inn, with a total of 125 attendees in addition to our PASS scholars hearing from panels of barristers and judges.

A total of 22 members gave up their Saturday to support these events and we are so grateful for their time and the insights they provided.

If you are in practice and want to assist at our events for aspiring barristers, please contact [outreach@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:outreach@innertemple.org.uk)

You can find more information about PASS at [innertemple.org.uk/pass](http://innertemple.org.uk/pass)





# Education & Training

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### Pre-Pupillage

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# Reader's Lecture Nights 2025



Monday 17 February

## Professor Sandy Steel

University of Oxford

Assumptions of Responsibility



Monday 3 March

## Professor Penney Lewis

Law Commission & KCL

Reforming the Law of Contempt of Court

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## TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/steel](https://innertemple.org.uk/steel)  
[innertemple.org.uk/lewis](https://innertemple.org.uk/lewis)

### COST

In person £13; Online £10

### ENQUIRIES

[qs@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:qs@innertemple.org.uk)

Equivalent to 1hr CPD

### WHERE

From The Inner Temple and livestreamed

### WHEN

6pm – 7.30pm

## Saturday Opening

Opening Hours 10am to 5pm  
January – April 2025

### January

4 January	CLOSED
11 January	Middle Temple
18 January	Gray's Inn
25 January	The Inner Temple

### February

1 February	Lincoln's Inn
8 February	Middle Temple
15 February	Gray's Inn
22 February	The Inner Temple

### March

1 March	Lincoln's Inn
8 March	Middle Temple
15 March	Gray's Inn
22 March	The Inner Temple
29 March	Lincoln's Inn

### April

5 April	Middle Temple
12 April	Gray's Inn
19 April	CLOSED
26 April	The Inner Temple

## Qualifying Session

Library staff will be taking part in a Qualifying Session on 21 January 2025. This advanced legal research will build on the sessions run in the autumn of 2024, which covered basic legal research skills. Please contact the Education & Training Department to book a place.

## Databases

Two of the database providers have set up training sessions for our Library users. Lexis+ and Westlaw have sessions available for booking. Please see our **website** for more information.

[innertemplelibrary.org.uk](http://innertemplelibrary.org.uk)

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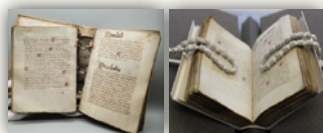
Our Sponsor a Book initiative aims to support the ongoing conservation needs of our special collections. Conservation work safeguards the historical, cultural, and legal heritage these contain, whilst also fostering user engagement in an often-overlooked area of our collections.

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### CONSERVING OUR HERITAGE

Book conservation will be carried out by accredited off site conservators and costs can range from a few hundred pounds for a simple clean and repair, up to £2000 or more for those items in much poorer condition.

As a sponsor, you can donate an amount of your choosing that will contribute directly to ongoing book conservation works. Alternatively, if you wish to sponsor the full cost of conservation for a specific item you can select from an item in this pamphlet or discuss alternative options with the Librarian.



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GENEROUS DONATION

To learn more about the scheme and particular items in need of conservation, view the [brochure](#) or email Rob Hodgson, Librarian and Keeper of Manuscripts at [rhodgson@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:rhodgson@innertemple.org.uk).

To sponsor the full cost of conservation for a specific item, please email the Librarian at [rhodgson@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:rhodgson@innertemple.org.uk).



# AI and Legal Research



**Sally McLaren, Assistant Librarian**

Unless you've been completely off-grid for the past 12 months or so, you've likely encountered the deluge of news, articles, explainers, and enthusiastic LinkedIn posts about the wonders and/or terrors of generative AI.

If you have been offline and missed it all, then congratulations! It's been a lot! This bit is for you. The AI savvy/weary may skip ahead:

The term 'artificial intelligence' (AI) has been in use since the 1950s and refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines, enabling them to perform tasks that typically require human-like understanding, reasoning, learning, and problem solving.

Generative AI (Gen AI) is a type of AI that can create or generate content, such as text, images, or other data, by learning from large datasets and producing novel outputs based on observed patterns. Popular examples include: ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini.

There are probably as many Gen AI evangelists as there are prophets of doom, but in between the two camps is a DMZ populated by many more wary adopters, curious sceptics and AI casuals. It is increasingly unrealistic to think that students, pupils, barristers, or indeed law librarians, won't be using Gen AI – quite the opposite.

Leveraging these new tools is fast becoming a marketable skill. However, as useful as Gen AI can be, there is a significant degree of risk attached to employing it in your studies and practice.

## Minimising the Risks

Here are eight tips to help minimise the risks associated with using Gen AI:

**1. Conduct your due diligence.** With the proliferation of Gen AI tools, some are bound to be (to use the correct InfoSec terminology) 'really dodgy'. Research who or what is behind your chosen application. Is it well established or a new kid on the block? What are other people saying about it?

**2. What training data does your chosen model use?** For example, ChatGPT's training data includes everything publicly available on the internet, from peer-reviewed articles to Reddit threads(!), while Lexis+ AI relies on Lexis+ content.

**3. Read the small print and adjust privacy settings where possible.**

Understand the terms of use. Will your data be reused? Could your input end up in someone else's output? Can you opt out of model training?

**4. Avoid inputting sensitive data and comply with data protection laws and best practice.** Don't input third-party content without consent.

**5. Cross-examine your model.** Remember, Gen AI isn't actually intelligent. 'Prompt engineering' is the art of carefully crafting your questions. Contextualise and refine your instructions to improve the relevance of the output. Try telling your model that it is a lawyer.

**6. Interrogate the output. Check facts and follow up leads using alternative sources.** Gen AI presents us with the 'black box' problem, meaning you don't necessarily know how it has arrived at its answer. It also has a tendency to 'hallucinate' or make things up, even inventing fake references and case citations. Always double check the accuracy and currency of the output and be on the lookout for potential biases.

**7. Disclose and be transparent about using AI generated content.** Avoid simply copying and pasting. If you do, use footnotes to indicate this.

**8. Maintaining high ethical standards is crucial for professional and academic integrity.** Read the relevant guidance published by professional bodies such as the **Bar Council** and course providers' statements on the use of Gen AI.

Gen AI is just another tool to be leveraged, albeit carefully. Investing time in mastering this new skill and learning more about risks and effective use is key. Explore a curated list of online courses, many of which are free, **here**.



# Gardener's Cuttings

Sean Harkin, Head Gardener

## Happy New Gardening Year

One of the special elements of the Garden is our ethos of experimentation and the desire to try new things. This is a sensitive process with the aim to build on previous successes and ensure any new experiments fit with the Garden's sense of place. For the gardeners, the new year really begins back in the autumn when we start planting what we have designed for the following year. To inform our design, we take monthly photos of all the borders, creating a visual record of how the borders look throughout the year, alongside regularly making notes to capture our observations.



*Digitalis 'Camelot Rose'*



*Rosa 'Corvedale' in the meadow*

## This Year's Experiments...

This year we have experimented with the colour palette in the high borders and top meadow for early summer. Traditionally, this time of year has been dominated by pastel shades, whereas this year there are new additions to create a richer colour palette. A deep-pink foxglove named *Digitalis* 'Camelot Rose' has been chosen for the high border to pick up the stunning colour of *Rosa* 'Corvedale', one of our favourite roses in the meadow opposite.

A new *Iris* called 'Dusky Challenger' has been selected by Deputy Head Gardener, Sophie, also for the high border. A tall, bearded *Iris* with inky, almost black-purple



# High Borders & Meadow 2025 - 'early Summer look'

Digitalis 'Camelot Rose' - rich deep pink, picking up Rosa 'Carvedale'



Iris 'Dusky Challenger' & Eremurus 'Romance' in hottest dry spots by Euphorbias.

elements in meadow pick up Borders - odd Iris 'Benton Susan' & Tulipa 'Blen Aimable'?

desired design to look as though plants from the high border have self-seeded themselves in the meadow alongside the roses. This includes Iris 'Benton Susan' with soft yellow flowers which should look elegant with the meadow cow parsley.

flowers, it should look spectacular with the zingy green Euphorbias. Alongside this, there will be dramatic spires provided by the foxtail Lily, Eremurus 'Romance' with its long 'foxtails' of salmon pink stars planted in the hottest spots.

As the year unfolds, the garden team will once again capture in notes and photographs the successes and ideas for what to try differently the following year to ensure the Garden keeps a vitality and freshness. We hope you enjoy this year's experiments.

Also new for this year, are additions to the meadow to link to the high border, the

Garden Team, from left: Sean, Polly, Dylan, Imogen and Sophie



# International News



## Treasurer's Visit to Washington, DC

(L-R) Sub-Treasurer, Alison Dorey, Treasurer, Master Barbara Lynn, Master Bill Koch, Master Tom Leighton

### Greg Dorey, Sub-Treasurer

The Treasurer visited Washington from 24-28 October, accompanied by the Sub-Treasurer. Master Karen Pierce, the British Ambassador to Washington, kindly hosted afternoon tea on the first day at the beautiful Lutyens Residence – a good opportunity to discuss future collaboration.

The remainder of the time in Washington was spent with the American Inns of Court (AIC), who model themselves consciously on the English Inns of Court and are annual visitors to London. There are now some 350 Inns in 48 States and abroad, with over 30,000 active members. A reception with

their Board of Trustees on the first evening was followed by their awards ceremony and dinner at the Supreme Court, all of which were good opportunities to compare notes with Masters Barbara Lynn (the former AIC President), Bill Koch (a former AIC President and Dean of the Nashville Law School), Tom Leighton (of Thomson Reuter) and Kannon Shanmugam (a Supreme Court advocate) and to make new connections. Master Jo Korner, who had been delivering advocacy training to the AIC and Jonathan Schaffer-Goddard were also present. The following day, the Treasurer hosted brunch for key contacts and AIC staff.



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# The Geoffrey Nice Foundation: Call for New Faculty Members

## Geoffrey Nice, Chair GNF

The Geoffrey Nice Foundation (GNF) deals with Law History, Politics, and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities. For the past 11 years, it has run masterclasses, usually in Dubrovnik. The faculty are often very senior, and all give their time pro bono (with travel and accommodation costs covered by the GNF). They hail from the widest possible range of disciplines and have numbered several members of The Inner Temple, including Sir Konrad Schiemann, HE Joanna Korner, Lord Iain Bonython, Rodney Dixon KC, Andrew Cayley KC and Aarif Abraham.

The GNF is now looking to widen its available pool of faculty members from The Inner Temple – barristers and judges (preferably mid-career or senior) who may, if inclined, be available to take part in GNF activities for some years to come.

The masterclasses are six long concentrated days (9am – 7/8pm) within one week. Travel for students is either Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Faculty members making presentations on one day generally stay two or three nights, giving them an opportunity to spend time with those leading the masterclasses and with students.

The original focus of the GNF was to allow students from parts of the Former Yugoslavia to discuss the wars of the 1990s that concerned them, along with other conflicts. There are always students from many parts of the Western Balkans present. Other students typically came from The Netherlands, but as time passed, they have come from all over the world. The Inner Temple has also supported and funded the attendance of junior barristers or pupils, now six, per year.

It is clear, not least from a recent survey of those attending, that the masterclasses have had real value for students and faculty. Presentations by faculty tend to be free-thinking (or even radical) and focus on institutions and events that are often accepted without criticism. What is critical to the GNF approach is that students and

faculty leave with positive ideas about dealing with the dangers around us.

Presently, not just in the GNF masterclasses, interactive dynamic presentations are expected of most faculty. Largely gone are the days of the uninterrupted lecture with a Q&A at the end. It is especially important for long GNF days that those presenting are excellent communicators who engage and interact with students.

Programmes of past years have often had days focused on particular case studies: the Balkans, North Korea, and Russia-Ukraine etc. This year, it may be better to have a number of case studies available for pre-reading before the discussion, but for the masterclass to focus on big central issues, such as why we go to war at all, perhaps viewed through, historic philosophical views, pacifism, and nuclear deterrence.

Over recent years, we have moved from just considering post-conflict accountability processes (war crimes trials and similar) to examining earlier stages in conflicts. For 2025, the provisional title suggests a fundamental quest about going to war and whether the law has any potential to stop wars: *Why Go to War: What if Any Law Can Stop Us*.

As regular faculty members have aged we intend to ensure their wisdom remains central to masterclasses but with younger, new faculty members beside them. If you feel you could contribute on the big central issues, or any particular case study (not just the samples listed above), within the overall theme of the title, please let us know.

Please reply both to Jennie Collis Price, Head of the Sub-Treasurer's Office, at [jcollisprice@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:jcollisprice@innertemple.org.uk) and Anastasia Kucher, part time Director of GNF, at [geoffreynicefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreynicefoundation@gmail.com).



# Temple Church

## TEMPLE CHURCH HILARY TERM

We are holding a choral service every Wednesday evening in term-time at 6pm (unless otherwise stated)

### JANUARY

**Wednesday 15 January, 5.45pm**  
**Choral Evensong for start of the New Year**  
Prior to the Treasurer's Reception for Benchers.

**Sunday 19 January, 11.15am**  
**Epiphany Carol Service**

**Wednesday 22 January, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Followed at 6.30pm by Talk by Major-General Sir Christopher Ghika, Under Treasurer of Middle Temple. 'A military life from Northern Ireland to the Coronation'.

**Wednesday 29 January, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong for Candlemas**  
The Round Church was consecrated at Candlemas, 1185.

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 11 February, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Special service to celebrate the 800th Anniversary (to the day!) of the Sealing of the final iteration of Magna Carta. Guest speaker: David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History, Kings College, London.

**Wednesday 12 February, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong for St Valentine's Day**  
In celebration of all the weddings at the Temple Church.

**Wednesday 19 February, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Prior to Reader's Feast in Middle Temple.

**Wednesday 26 February, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong for St David's Day**  
Sung by The London Welsh Male Voice Choir.

### MARCH

**Wednesday 5 March, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong: Ash Wednesday**

**Wednesday 12 March, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Prior to Amity Dinner for Middle Temple.

**Wednesday 19 March, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong for St Patrick's Day**

**Wednesday 26 March, 6pm**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Followed by History Society Lecture 'The Court of the Arches' with Professor Norman Doe KC (Hon) and Dean of the Arches, Morag Ellis KC.  
To book for the lecture:  
**[innertemple.org.uk/arches](http://innertemple.org.uk/arches)**

**Sunday 30 March, 11.15am**  
**Choral Communion: Mothering Sunday**  
Followed by Sunday lunch in The Inner Temple for members of Inner and Middle Temple and their guests.  
To book for the lunch, **[innertemple.org.uk/mothersday](http://innertemple.org.uk/mothersday)**





## APRIL

Sunday 13 April, 11.15am  
Choral Communion: Palm Sunday

Tuesday 15 April, 9pm  
Compline  
The Temple Singers

Thursday 17 April, 1.15pm  
Choral Communion: Maundy Thursday  
The Temple Singers

Friday 18 April, 11.15am  
Choral Mattins: Good Friday  
The Temple Church Choir

Saturday 19 April, 8pm  
Choral Communion: Easter Vigil: Holy  
Saturday  
The Temple Singers

Sunday 20 April, 11.15am  
Choral Communion: Easter Sunday  
The Temple Church Choir

Wednesday 30 April, 6pm  
Easter Carol Service

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Temple Music

## WINTER 2025

We are delighted to unveil our programme of concerts for next term at the Temple. Tickets are now on sale, and we look forward to welcoming you to any of the events in this beautiful place:



Thu 16 Jan | 6.30pm - 10pm  
£125 | Inner Temple Hall

### Solomon

Knockout choruses, unforgettable arias, and some of Handel's most wonderful music. To perform this magnificent work, we welcome the Gabrieli Consort & Players and an all-star cast, including countertenor Tim Mead in the title role and soprano Anna Dennis as the Queen of Sheba.

[www.templemusic.org/concerts/solomon](http://www.templemusic.org/concerts/solomon)

Thu 30 Jan | 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
£5 - £45 | Temple Church

### The Prince of Music

Stile Antico mark the quincentenary of Palestrina in a lavish programme, including some of the composer's most beloved and timeless motets.

[www.templemusic.org/concerts/golden-renaissance](http://www.templemusic.org/concerts/golden-renaissance)



Thu 13 Feb | 7pm - 8pm  
£30 | Inner Temple Lecture Theatre

### Plínio Fernandes

Born and raised in São Paulo, Plínio Fernandes fuses the tradition of classical guitar with Brazilian folk music. For our first concert in the Lecture Theatre, this Decca Gold recording artist gives a live performance of his acclaimed 'Bacheando' album.

[www.templemusic.org/concerts/bacheando](http://www.templemusic.org/concerts/bacheando)







## Dine, Unwind, and Discuss at Pegasus

Pegasus Bar & Restaurant offers the ideal space for entertaining, unwinding, or discussing business over morning refreshments, lunch or dinner.

Choose from healthy options or indulge in home comforts, complemented by fine wine and champagne selections. Settle in and enjoy our refined ambiance or grab a takeaway coffee for those on the go.

**Monday to Friday 9am – 10pm**

Book a table online  
[innertemplevenuehire.co.uk](http://innertemplevenuehire.co.uk)



## Seize the summer!

Choose from four unique spaces to entertain your colleagues, friends or family.

Enjoy our perfectly manicured three acre garden from May to July, with the 600 capacity marquee available from mid June. Alternatively, our Terrace and the Church Court are both available from May until late September.

Book now to avoid disappointment  
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\*Please note The Inner Temple is closed during August. T&C'S and minimum numbers apply.

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# Staff News



## VITALY LIUBENKO

In September, we welcomed Vitaly to our team as an AV Engineer. With a strong background in both sound engineering and IT, we are excited to have him on board.



## JOE SIBBONS

Congratulations to Joe on his promotion to Hospitality Assistant Team Leader.



## PAULA AILENEI

We bade farewell to Paula in December and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.



## PEDRO REVEZ LOPES

Pedro has been promoted from Sous Chef to Senior Sous Chef and has transitioned into the role already. We wish him the best of luck in his new role.



## LONG SERVICE

Many congratulations to members of staff who have completed significant periods of employment at the Inn.

20 YEARS

LISA LAWLER

Night Security Attendant

15 YEARS

RICHARD SNOWDON

Director of Properties & Surveyor

JOHN MULADY

Car Park Security Attendant

10 YEARS

ALBENA (BENI) AHJEM

Estates Officer

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Burns Night

At The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple



23 January 2025  
18:45 - 23:00

Drinks Reception  
Three-course Meal  
Music & Merriment

👑 Black Tie or Highland Dress 👑

BOOK BY 12 JANUARY 2025

# Hilary Term Diary

## JANUARY

- 11 Pupils' Practice Management Day  
**Circuit Education Day (Bristol)**
- 12 Choral Communion First Choral Service of the Term
- 13 Hilary Term Law Sittings Begin  
Bar Liaison Committee  
**Advocacy Masterclass**
- 14 Executive Committee  
Pupils' Criminal Case Analysis  
Scholarship Interview Training
- 15 **Treasurer's Reception for Benchers (preceded by Choral Evensong)**
- 16 Pupils' Civil Case Analysis
- 20 Qualifying Sessions Committee
- 21 **Moving on with Legal Research (Online)**
- 23 International Committee  
ITSA Burns Night Supper
- 24-26 Pupils' Residential Weekend, Ascot
- 27 Scholarships and Outreach Committee  
Books Sub-Committee
- 28 Estates Committee  
Insight Event Midlands: Becoming a Barrister  
**Alexander Cameron Mock Trial Reception**
- 29 Pegasus Trust Interviews  
Investment Sub-Committee
- 30 **Bench Table followed by Dinner for Benchers**
- 31-2 Students' Advocacy Residential Weekend - Crewe Hall

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Intervarsity Debating Competition
- 2 Intervarsity Mooting Competition
- 4 Library Committee
- 5 Pension Scheme Trustees  
**International Circuit Reception**
- 6 EDI Sub-Committee
- 7 **Midland Circuit Dinner (Birmingham)**
- 8 Pupils' Advocacy Applications Day
- 10 Bar Liaison Committee
- 11 Executive Committee
- 12 Archives Committee
- 13 Temple Church Trust
- 15 Bar Course Scholarship Interviews  
**Ethics in Practice (Online)**
- 17 Student Engagement and Support Committee  
**Reader's Lecture Night (Professor Sandy Steel)**
- 18 Advocacy Training Committee
- 19 Advocacy Evening (Online)  
**Private Guest Night (preceded by Choral Evensong)**
- 20 **International Practice Panel**  
Communication Skills for Barristers in the Workplace
- 22 Bar Course Scholarship Interviews  
**Education Day**
- 25 Estates Committee  
Insight Event (Northern Circuit)
- 26 Education and Training Committee
- 28 **Wales and Chester Circuit Dinner (Cardiff)**

## KEY

- Green: Qualifying Sessions
- Blue: Member Events
- Bronze: Benchers only Events



# MARCH

- 1 Circuit Education Day (Cardiff)
- 3 Reader's Lecture Night (Professor Penney Lewis)
- 4 Insight Event (Western Circuit)
- 5 Pegasus Scholarship Trus  
PASS Skills: Interview Skills and Techniques
- 10 Bar Liaison Committee  
Dinner to the Universities
- 11 Executive Committee  
Inns of Court Alliance for Women  
Panel Discussion
- 12 Amity Dinner for Middle Temple  
(preceded by Choral Evensong)
- 13 Bench Table
- 14 North Eastern Circuit Dinner (York)
- 18 Social Context of the Law Series  
Advocacy Training Committee
- 20 Hilary Term Call Night
- 22 Circuit Education Day
- 24 Circuits Forum
- 25 Qualifying Sessions Committee  
Employed Bar Forum
- 26 History Society Lecture  
(Master Norman Doe and  
Morag Ellis KC)
- 30 Mothering Sunday Lunch  
(preceded by Choral Communion)
- 31 Books Sub-Committee

# APRIL

- 1 International Committee
- 3 Parsifal (Gala Performance  
and Dinner)
- 4 Parsifal
- 7-8 New Practitioner Case Conference
- 8 Lawson Moot Final and Reception
- 9 Library Committee
- 10 After 1925 - Reflecting on 100 years  
of Property Legislation Conference
- 11-13 New Practitioner Residential  
Weekend, Ascot
- 14 Bar Liaison Committee
- 15 Executive Committee
- 16 Hilary Term Law Sittings End
- 17 Hall Closes
- 23 St George's Day
- 28 Hall Opens
- 29 Easter Term Law Sittings Begin  
Estates Committee  
Pension Scheme Trustees
- 30 Investment Sub-Committee

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