



# INNERVIEW

*Newsletter of The Inner Temple*

*Easter 2025*



## A Full House

Page 9:  
*Parsifal* at Temple Church

# Aspiring to Excellence: A New Education and Training Strategy

Education and training is at the heart of what the Inn does. We can trace it back to the 1300s when the Inn's legal societies were important academic communities. All four Inns of Court have continued to play a very important role in the development of barristers since then, with a focus on professional context and networking as well as developing the role of the advocate. Education is as important now as it was then. We have a thriving community of students – not only through our own Inn but also working collaboratively with the others to develop the Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA). We have well established student societies that focus on developing key skills such as mooting and debating. We also offer a comprehensive programme of Qualifying Sessions. These have evolved over recent years away from social dinners to a stronger focus on educational content and design, linked to key themes such as advocacy, equality, diversity, and ethics. Our Pupils and New Practitioners courses continue to receive very positive feedback and are highly subscribed. Alongside this we have started to provide educational events targeted at Established Barristers. It is early days for this, but the feedback to date has been good.

Our activity over the past six or seven years has been directed by our last Education & Training vision document launched in 2017. This vision described a future where the digital world would become more prominent, professional roles would continue to change with professional boundaries potentially blurring at times, but that advocacy would still be at the heart of what we do. The majority of our professional register has been practising for more than five years therefore we agreed it was important to target more of what we do to them rather than just the future generations of the Bar. And this is what we have been doing with the creation of our Established Barristers programme.

The Bar education landscape has changed – there are more Bar course providers with

more training places yet the number of pupillage places has not kept pace with this. This means it has become even more difficult to secure a pupillage. This means it is even more important for our outreach and scholarship programmes to target groups that are currently under-represented at the Bar and support them to progress.

As you can see the demand on education and training remains, and if anything increases. This is within a context of increasing financial pressures for the Inn, the Bar, and society as a whole. This is one of the reasons why our new strategy is important – to ensure that we all agree on our priorities.

Our new Education and Training Strategy was developed over the course of 2024 by a working group representative of:

- Key committees within the Inn relevant to and impacting upon education and training
- Different career stages
- The geographical spread of members
- Employed and self employed sectors

We are hugely indebted to our volunteers and staff members for their contributions.

We have set out a new vision:

*“We aspire to attract diverse talent to the Bar and provide excellent education and support through all stages of our members’ careers, being inclusive to all. We embrace innovation whilst respecting the history and heritage of the Inn, shaping a legal community where all thrive.”*

**The vision will be achieved through six strategic priorities:**

- **Aspiring to excellence**
- **Supporting our members**
- **Valuing our volunteers**
- **Being innovative**
- **Being inclusive**
- **Collaborating with others**



Work on delivering the strategy is now underway. Examples of some of our developmental projects for 2025 include:

- A review of our mentoring offer including provision of resources and the scope of the programme
- A refresh of our approach to volunteering which is more tailored to individual interests and circumstances
- Implementation of the recommendations of our scholarships review which focuses on maintaining high standards and strengthens inclusivity
- An evaluation of our outreach programme to maximise the benefits

Full details of the strategy are set out on [innertemple.org.uk/strategy](https://innertemple.org.uk/strategy)

If you would like to know more or get involved, contact us directly at [education@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:education@innertemple.org.uk)

**Gail Fleming**  
**Director of Education**

---

# Contents

Announcements, 2025 New Silks	4
Recent Events	5
Education & Training	12
Library	18
The London Library	19
Garden	20
Temple Church	23
International News	24
Temple Music	28
Staff News	30
Diary	33
The Inner Temple Summer Party	34

## INNERVIEW

**Editors:**  
Henrietta Amodio,  
Kate Peters and  
Sandra Alvarez

# Announcements

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

James Bennett has been appointed as Senior Coroner for the Herefordshire Coroner Area with effect from 19 May 2025.

Master Michael Gove has been awarded a life peerage from Rishi Sunak's PM Resignation Honours List.

The Hon Mr Justice McKendrick (John McKendrick KC) has been appointed to be a judge of the High Court, Family Division, with effect from 10 March 2025.

Master Navinchandra Ramgoolam (The Hon Navin Ramgoolam GCSK FRCP) was elected Prime Minister of Mauritius in November 2024.

The Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP has been awarded a DBE from Rishi Sunak's PM Resignation Honours List.

## 2025 New Silks

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 31 MEMBERS WHO WERE APPOINTED  
KING'S COUNSEL ON 24 MARCH

Sassa-Ann Amaouche KC  
Alexander Barden KC  
Lesley Bates KC  
Adrian Berry KC  
Benjamin Bradley KC  
Dean Crowe KC  
Jacob Dean KC  
Alison Easton KC  
Rebecca Harris KC  
Gerard Hillman KC (Ad Eundem)  
Richard Jones KC  
Edward Kemp KC  
Justin Kitson KC (Ad Eundem)  
Amy Mannion KC  
Peter Mant KC  
Ian McLoughlin KC (Ad Eundem)

Jodie Mittell KC  
Naina Patel KC  
Kathryn Pickard KC  
Jason Pobjoy KC  
Jason Robinson KC (Ad Eundem)  
Zack Simons KC  
Julia Smyth KC  
Rachel Spearing KC  
Azeem Suterwalla KC  
Anthony Vaughan KC  
Niranjan Venkatesan KC  
Adam Wagner KC  
David Walsh KC  
Nicholas Yeo KC  
Emma Zeb KC







---

## Treasurer's Reception for Benchers

15 January

---

## International Circuit Reception

5 February



If you have any ideas for conferences, seminars, training or visits, please send them to **Jennie Collis Price**, Secretary to the International Committee.



---

## Midland Circuit Dinner in Birmingham

7 February



### Wales and Chester Circuit Dinner in Cardiff 28 February

### Inns of Court Alliance for Women Applying for Silk 11 March

A huge thank you to Amanda Pinto KC, who chaired the panel, and to our fantastic panellists, Monisha Shah; Dame Anne Rafferty; Nneka Akudolu KC; Ruth Kirby KC; Master Sonia Noltén and Eleanor Temple KC for their honest and insightful contributions.







---

## Amity Dinner for Middle Temple

12 March



---

## North Eastern Circuit Dinner in York

14 March



---

## Social Context of the Law

Handing Back the Past:  
Cultural Repatriation

18 March

Our thanks to speakers Master Gus Casely-Hayford and Mona Yapova for their inspiring presentations and Master James Lee for moderating. Available to watch at [innertemple.org.uk/handingback](https://innertemple.org.uk/handingback)

## Recent Events



### Employed Bar Forum: Employed Pupillages

25 March

We are grateful to speakers; Carlé Aven-Kamal, Daisy Caldwell, Alfie Evans, Commodore James Farrant RN and Rebecca Paterson for sharing their experiences of employed pupillages, and to Master Simon Regis and Master Sara Lawson for chairing and introducing the event respectively. Available to watch at [innertemple.org.uk/employedpupillages](http://innertemple.org.uk/employedpupillages)



### History Society Lecture

The Appeal Court of the Archbishop  
of Canterbury – The Court of Arches:  
Ancient and Modern

26 March

Thank you to Master Norman Doe and Morag Ellis KC for their fascinating lecture.







# Parsifal

(Act III with the  
Prelude to Act I)  
3 and 4 April

Audiences enjoyed the sold out performances of *Parsifal* in Temple Church.





# Pride in Practice Reception

Thursday 26 June  
5.45pm – 8.30pm  
The Inner Temple

Introductory remarks from Barbara Mills  
KC, Chair of the Bar, and Richard Atkinson,  
President of The Law Society  
Performance by The Pink Singers

The legal profession comes together in solidarity, celebration and pride! Join us for food and drinks at a landmark cross-profession LGBTQ+ pride event, jointly hosted by the four Inns of Court, the Bar Council and Law Society of England and Wales. Whether you're an LGBTQ+ identifying barrister, judge, solicitor, student, pupil, trainee solicitor or an ally – you belong here.

Generously sponsored by Bolt Burdon Kemp LLP, Hay & Kilner LLP and Russell-Cooke LLP.

## TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/pride2025](http://innertemple.org.uk/pride2025)

Open to: Members and students of all four Inns of Court and Solicitors (including trainees)

Tickets: £15 / £10 students, pupils and trainee solicitors

# Dinner to Celebrate South Asian Heritage Month

Wednesday 4 June

7pm – 10.30pm

Ahead of South Asian Heritage Month 2025, join us as the Inn celebrates the occasion with a reception and dinner for Members of all Inns and their guests. The Inner Temple has a long and proud connection with many South Asian countries and we look forward to sharing these stories.

After dinner speech by Master Anupama Thompson (Her Honour Judge Anupama Thompson)

## TO BOOK

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

7pm: Reception

7.30pm: Dinner

10.30/11pm: Evening Ends

Open to: Members of the Inns and their guests  
Benchers/Called Members and guests £110.25 each  
Under 7 years' Call and guests £73.35 each  
Students and guests £47.25 each



# Opera Holland Park

## Comes to The Inner Temple

1 July, 7.30pm

Join us for a fabulous evening of Gilbert & Sullivan classics, and a semi-staged production of *Trial by Jury* performed and produced by Opera Holland Park.



### TO BOOK

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

Tickets: £85 including interval drinks.

Venue: The Inner Temple Hall

Premiered in 1875, *Trial by Jury* presents a case of breach of promise, with a self-confessed ruffian as the accused, and the bride that he abandoned at the altar as the winsome plaintiff, poking fun at the legal profession en route to an unusual happy ending.





## Movers and Returners

An interactive one-day conference to guide and support those returning to the Bar, taking a career break, or moving practice area

Join us at The Inner Temple on Thursday, 22 May for a free full-day conference, to include panel talks with speakers from a range of backgrounds sharing their experiences of going on and returning from parental leave, navigating self-employed practice as a parent, moving practice area or chambers, adapting to change when things do not go to plan, and how to start having conversations with chambers and clerks about taking a career break. Interactive workshop sessions

and roundtable discussions will focus on building confidence and resilience, micro-mentoring, financial support, how time away can enhance your skills, and refreshing your advocacy skills on returning to the Bar. The day will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm, including lunch and will be followed by a drinks reception. It is open to members of any Inn.

With limited places still available, please see [innertemple.org.uk/movers](https://innertemple.org.uk/movers) for details.





### The Inner Temple Jessup Moot Team Qualifies for the 2025 Jessup International Rounds

Between 29 March and 5 April 2025, a moot team representing The Inner Temple (comprised of George Grün, Lucas Jones, Pragya Sinha Kumar, Anjali Gananathan, and Matthew Wesson) competed in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition which took place in Washington DC. Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition, with approximately 805 teams entering from 104 jurisdictions in the 2025 competition.

To qualify for the international rounds, UK teams competed in national rounds held at Lincoln's Inn between 21-23 February. Twenty-three teams from around the UK competed in the national rounds.

Each team submitted two 10,000 word written memorials before delivering 45 minute oral submissions in front of mock ICJ judges. These submissions were based on a statement of agreed facts regarding a dispute between two fictional States. This year, submissions centred on questions related to universal jurisdiction, functional immunity, environmental law, and government recognition. The moot was judged by barristers, academics, and senior international law practitioners.

After six extremely competitive matches, The Inner Temple team reached the national finals and finished as runners up after a tight match against University College London. We are particularly pleased to announce that Pragya Sinha Kumar was awarded the prize for Best Oralist in the national finals, and that all three Inner Temple oralists finished in the top 15 nationally.

This is the first time The Inner Temple has made it through to the international oral rounds of the competition which took place in Washington DC between 29 March and 5 April 2025.

Our Inner Temple team won all four of the international preliminary rounds and progressed to the advanced rounds. Unfortunately, they lost in the advanced rounds against Singapore Management University who went on to win this year's competition. However, they finished as the highest-ranking UK university, ranking top 16 out of 170 universities from around the world in the final. We would like to thank their coach Sajid Suleman (No5 Chambers) who supported them throughout the process.

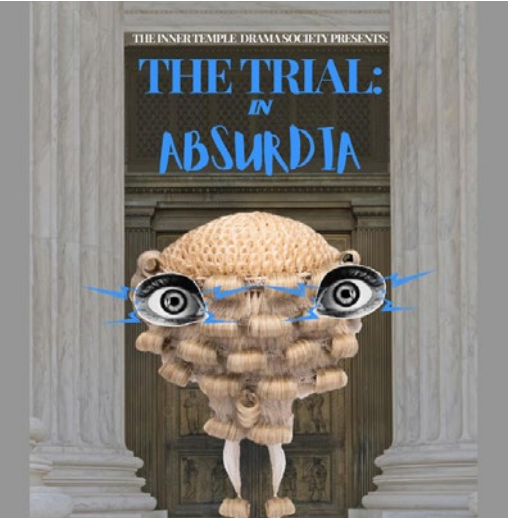
# Education & Training

## The Inner Temple Drama Society are back on stage at the Edinburgh Fringe

*The Trial: In Absurdia* will be available to see at theSpaceUK between Monday 18 August – Saturday 23 August 2025.

Kafka meets Monty Python, when mild-mannered accountant Jo is arrested abroad for a nonsensical crime. The predicament escalates into a surreal nightmare of endless red tape and baffling legal theatrics. Jo enlists Sam, a UK barrister armed with a powdered wig and an unshakable belief in justice. As Sam fights for fairness within an arbitrarily punitive system, logic is met with absurdity at every turn. A sharp parody of *Kafka's The Trial*, *The Trial: In Absurdia* skewers bureaucracy, legal quirks, and the limits of fairness, blending witty dialogue, surreal twists, and biting satire.

Tickets will be available via the Fringe festival website soon:  
[www.edfringe.com/tickets](http://www.edfringe.com/tickets)



If you cannot make it to Edinburgh this summer, the cast will be performing *The Trial: In Absurdia* at the Inn for one night only on Monday 29 September 2025. Save the date! Tickets will be available on the Inn's website.

## Contacts

### Outreach

**Outreach**  
[outreach@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:outreach@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8240

### Scholarships

**Scholarships**  
[scholarships@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:scholarships@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8211

**Pegasus**  
[pegasus@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:pegasus@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8210

### Professional Training

**Pupils and New Practitioners**  
[pupils-practitioners@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:pupils-practitioners@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7438 2310

**Established Barristers**  
[establishedbarristers@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:establishedbarristers@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8209

### Pre-Pupillage

**Pre-Pupillage**  
[pre-pupillage@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:pre-pupillage@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7438 2311

**Call to the Bar**  
[call@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:call@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8257

**Qualifying Sessions**  
[qs@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:qs@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7438 2311

### General and Volunteering Enquiries

**Education**  
[education@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:education@innertemple.org.uk)  
020 7797 8208



# Social Context of the Law

MONDAY 19 MAY 2025

## Perverse Not Guilty Verdicts Should Remain Final

### Speakers:

His Honour Judge Blair KC

The Rt Hon Sir Konrad Schiemann

### TO BOOK

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

#### 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



*The Inner Temple Junior  
Bar Association presents*

## THE SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER SOIRÉE

*Summer patio party at the Honourable  
Society of the Inner Temple*

*Friday 20 June 2025 from 6:00pm*

### Tickets:

-£12 for tenants and guests, two for £20


-£10 for pupils

### Details:

*Come mix and mingle with your fellow junior  
barristers - feel free to bring guests, including  
solicitors, clerks or other professional connections!*

[innertemple.org.uk/jba-summer-soiree](http://innertemple.org.uk/jba-summer-soiree)

All are welcome!!







Thursday 8 May 2025

# Religious Disputes and the Custody of Children: Dr Barnardo in the House of Lords

**Professor Michael Lobban FBA**

Professor of Legal History at the London School of  
Economics and Political Science.

In the 19th century, disputes over the custody of children often centred on disagreements over the religious upbringing of the child in question and whether the child should be educated in the faith of its deceased father. In the 1890s, Dr Thomas Barnardo, famous for the homes for destitute and orphaned children he had founded in the East End of London, became involved in a number of bitter custody cases with strong sectarian overtones. The fiercely evangelical Dr Barnardo resisted attempts by Catholic agencies acting on behalf of Catholic mothers to gain custody of children in his homes through the writ of habeas corpus.

The talk will focus especially on two landmark cases involving Barnardo which reached the House of Lords in this decade.

**BOOK**

[Innertemple.org.uk/barnardo](http://Innertemple.org.uk/barnardo)  
020 7797 8264

**WHERE**

In person and livestreamed  
from The Inner Temple

**TICKETS**

In Person £13; Online Free

**WHEN**

6pm – 7pm



# INNS OF COURT ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN Cross-Profession Garden Party

Monday 23 June 2025  
5.30pm – 8.30pm  
Inner Temple Garden

Open to barristers, solicitors,  
in-house lawyers, judges, legal  
academics and Inns' students

Tickets: £45  
Book: [innertemple.org.uk/icaw25](http://innertemple.org.uk/icaw25)



## Wednesday 11 June 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.

### 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



## Library



### Saturday Opening

Opening Hours 10am to 5pm  
May – June 2025

#### May

#### May

3 May	CLOSED
10 May	Lincoln's Inn
17 May	Middle Temple
24 May	CLOSED
31 May	Gray's Inn

#### June

7 June	The Inner Temple
14 June	Lincoln's Inn
21 June	Middle Temple
28 June	Gray's Inn

### Patron-driven Acquisition Scheme

This **Patron-Driven Acquisition Scheme** is intended to be responsive to the needs of Inner Temple Library users if they discover a book that they need is not available in the Library collection. All requests meeting the criteria will be automatically purchased whilst funds remain available. The criteria for purchase are under the **Terms and Conditions**. Items that do not meet the criteria will be considered by the Librarian and the Books Sub-Committee but without a guarantee of purchase.

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



## THE INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY

### SPONSOR A BOOK SCHEME

---

Supporting the ongoing conservation of The Inner Temple Library's  
rare books and manuscripts

[innertemplelibrary.org.uk/sponsor-a-book/](http://innertemplelibrary.org.uk/sponsor-a-book/)

# The London Library:

## Inner Temple Membership



**Sally McLaren, Assistant Librarian**

Founded in 1841 by Scottish historian and essayist Thomas Carlyle, The London Library was established as an alternative to the British Museum Library's restrictive non-lending system. Carlyle envisioned a space where knowledge could circulate freely. His vision became the foundation for what was London's first lending library, a unique institution that has grown into a much loved one and whose membership throughout the years has included such luminaries as Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Bram Stoker, Virginia Woolf and Stanley Kubrick, to name just a handful.

The London Library houses a staggering collection of over one million volumes, on a mere 17 miles of shelving. Its holdings date back to the 1700s, with subjects spanning history, literature, art, philosophy, religion, and politics, among many other areas of study. The collection continues to expand by an estimated 6,000 volumes each year

### Our Membership

The Inner Temple Library is now an institutional member of The London Library, allowing us to extend some of the benefits of access to The London Library's vast collections to members of The Inner Temple. Our membership to The London Library enables us to supplement our holdings and improve our ability to support those conducting research outside of legal topics.

### What does this mean for Inner Temple members?

- We can request print materials on your behalf. Books will be sent to us and available for you to consult within The Inner Temple Library
- We can also facilitate access to online materials, available onsite via a range of databases including:
  - **JSTOR:** A vast repository of academic journals and eBooks spanning numerous disciplines.
  - **British History Online:** A critical resource for historical research, providing access to original documents and analysis.
  - **British Newspaper Archive:** A rich source of historical newspapers.
  - **Oxford English Dictionary:** The up-to-date definitive record of the English language.
  - **Early English Books Online (EEBO) and 18th Century Collections Online (ECCO):** These collections provide access to rare and early works, from the dawn of print culture to the Enlightenment era.

Enquiries from Inner Temple members can be sent to  
**[library@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:library@innertemple.org.uk)**

Search catalogue of **The London Library**.



Garden



# Gardener's Cuttings

Imogen Hambridge, Gardener

## The Joys of a Shady Spring Border

April comes from the Latin word '*Aperire*' meaning 'to open' and as the month proceeds you can see why! Leaves on trees unravel, fronds unfurl, and buds break in profusion creating a lush, green, grand unveiling as spring and its magic arrives.

At this time, I find it a real treat to watch the goings on in our shaded borders, and in particular, King's Bench Walk. The varied foliage that loosens and jostles together creating a rich tapestry is a satisfying culmination of well-chosen shade loving plants.

*Allium altissimum* Goliath

## A few of my favourite plants...

A few favourites of mine are *Rodgersia pinnata* 'Hercules', which starts off with striking red shoots that then produce bronze leaves turning green, followed by elegant pink flowers; *Podophyllum* 'Spotty Dotty', which has unusual, mottled dinosaur leaves that sit on top of precious hanging flowers; and *Matteuccia struthiopteris*, the shuttle cock fern as it puts on a wonderful display of bright green fronds curling skywards.

*Allium altissimum* 'Goliath', is threaded through the bed pushing tangled, strappy leaves followed by glorious purple pom poms. It prefers semi-shade, and we find it naturalises well!







*Rodgersia pinnata* Hercules

An unusual addition to the bed is *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, 'Henryana' which is more likely to be found making its way up the wall of someone's house! We have let it join in the fun and roam about the border. Having started off on a small frame, it now wraps around a nearby tree fern and has started to twine itself along the steps into the garden. The reptilian leaves look very striking amongst the other foliage.

As always, we like to let self-sowers fill in gaps and help create a naturalistic feel, in this case there are many, including

*Angelica archangelica*, and *Anthriscus sylvestris*, 'Ravenswing'. *Euphorbia oblongata* and *Smyrniolum perfoliatum* add strategic green zings to the scene. The list continues, however due to the density and fast succession of the border the overall maintenance required is low, and it is easy to orchestrate the self-sowers to an effect you like best.

As you walk through the mottled green corridor, with the tantalizing energy of spring and growth in the air, the overall effect is enchanting. We hope you enjoy it too!

*Podophyllum* Spotty Dotty



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* Henryana and *Matteuccia struthiopteris*





A vibrant photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, a large, ornate stone fountain with multiple tiers is in the process of being filled, with water cascading over its edges. To the right, a bronze statue of a man stands amidst greenery. The background is filled with large, leafy trees and a glimpse of a classical building with stone walls and windows. The scene is bathed in bright, natural light, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

## Inner Temple Garden Open Day

Saturday  
24 May  
12-4pm

Crown  
Office Row  
London  
EC4Y 7HL

Enjoy the  
biodiverse and  
experimental  
planting

Bring  
a picnic





# Temple Church

## APRIL

Wednesday 30 April, 6pm  
Easter Carol Service

## MAY

Sunday 4 May, 11.15am  
Easter Carol Service  
To include Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs.

Wednesday 7 May, 6pm  
Choral Evensong in Celebration of  
The King's Coronation (6 May)

Tuesday 20 May, 12 noon  
Ecumenical Service, arranged with  
The Friends of the Holy Land in Celebration  
of the 1700th Anniversary of the Opening of  
the Council of Nicaea

This Ecumenical Service will be simulcast between Temple Church, London and the Co-Cathedral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in the Latin complex, Jerusalem. 20 May is by tradition the start-date of the Council of Nicaea in 325; this combined service will start at 12pm in London and 2pm in Jerusalem. HB Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, will lead the service in Jerusalem. Cardinal Nichols, from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, and Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, will both be in Temple Church.

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

## Contacts

**The Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones**  
**Master of the Temple**  
07834 521 471  
[master@templechurch.com](mailto:master@templechurch.com)

---

**The Reverend Mark Hatcher**  
**Reader of the Temple**  
[reader@templechurch.com](mailto:reader@templechurch.com)

---

**Catherine de Satgé**  
020 7353 8559  
[catherine@templechurch.com](mailto:catherine@templechurch.com)

---

**Temple Church**  
[www.templechurch.com](http://www.templechurch.com)

---



# International News



Twelve members of the Delhi High Court Bar Association with staff and accompanied by Baldip Singh (No5 Chambers) visited the Inn on 27 January, and met with the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurer.

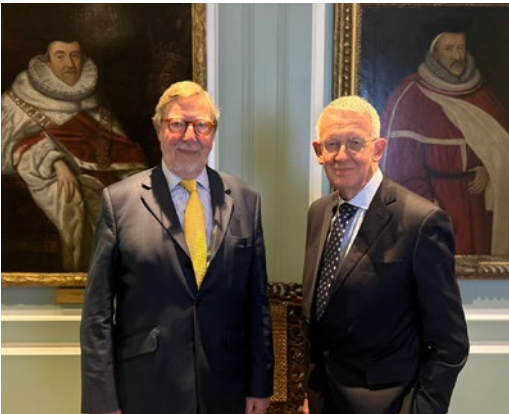
## International Practice Panel



On 20 February, Master Kieron Beal (Chair, International Committee) moderated an International Practice Panel QS. The panel of: Joshua Kern (9BR Chambers) on international criminal law; Louis Flannery (Littleton Chambers) on international arbitration; Jessica Simor KC (Matric Chambers) on public international, environmental and human rights law; Shenaz Muzaffer (General Counsel to the International Association of Prosecutors) on international justice development and rule of law capacity building; and Fahrid Chishty (Guernica 37 Chambers) discussed the opportunities for overseas placements available through the Pegasus Scholarship Trust.

## Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Inns of Court Fellow

This year's Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Inns of Court Fellow is The Hon Justice Malcolm Wallis, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa. His research proposal focuses on the relationship between the separation of powers and the enforcement of rights under a Bill of Rights, yet to be articulated in South Africa. Master Mark Havelock-Allan (the Inner Temple representative on the IALS selection panel), Master Stephen Tomlinson and Master Sarah Clarke hosted Justice Wallis to lunch in Hall on 28 February.



Justice Wallis will be in London until the end of May and will give a lecture for members of the Inns at the Institute on 8 May, **Boundaries and Borders: How far is too Far?** at IALS.



Caribbean Directors of Public Prosecution



Master Sirah Abraham brought Directors of Public Prosecution from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines and Guyana to lunch in Hall on 7 March. The Sub-Treasurer gave them a tour of the Inn beforehand and they were met by the Treasurer.

## Commonwealth Law Conference, Malta – *Commonwealth Lawyers, Fit for the Future*

The Treasurer attended the 24th Commonwealth Law Conference (CLC) in Malta on 6-10 April, accompanied by the Sub-Treasurer, where he delivered a talk on “Cross-Border Financial Crimes: Regulating Cryptocurrency and other Virtual Assets in Commonwealth Countries”. The CLC attracted 530 delegates from 42 jurisdictions, including the Lady Chief Justice, Master Sue Carr; the Chair of the Bar Council, Master Barbara Mills; the President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Master Adrian Saunders; Masters Courtney Abel, Charles Bagot, Malcolm Bishop, James Dingemans; and Richard Atkinson, Chair of

the Law Society. We were delighted to host a reception in the margins of the conference for a number of Inner Temple members from various jurisdictions and to have met with Steven Thiru, the President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association.



## International Panel Discussions

We are holding two panel discussions featuring distinguished practitioners and judges on practical aspects of international practice, in the Lecture Theatre (and livestreamed).

The events are designed for members at all levels of practice and for students as Qualifying Sessions, with networking receptions to follow. Please book via our website.

**Thursday 5 June, 5.45pm**

**Challenging the Truth: Effective Cross-Examination in International Trials and Arbitrations**

**Thursday 3 July, 5.45pm**

**Unveiling the Truth: Navigating Disclosure in International Trials and Arbitrations**





Join us on Tuesday 17 June

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

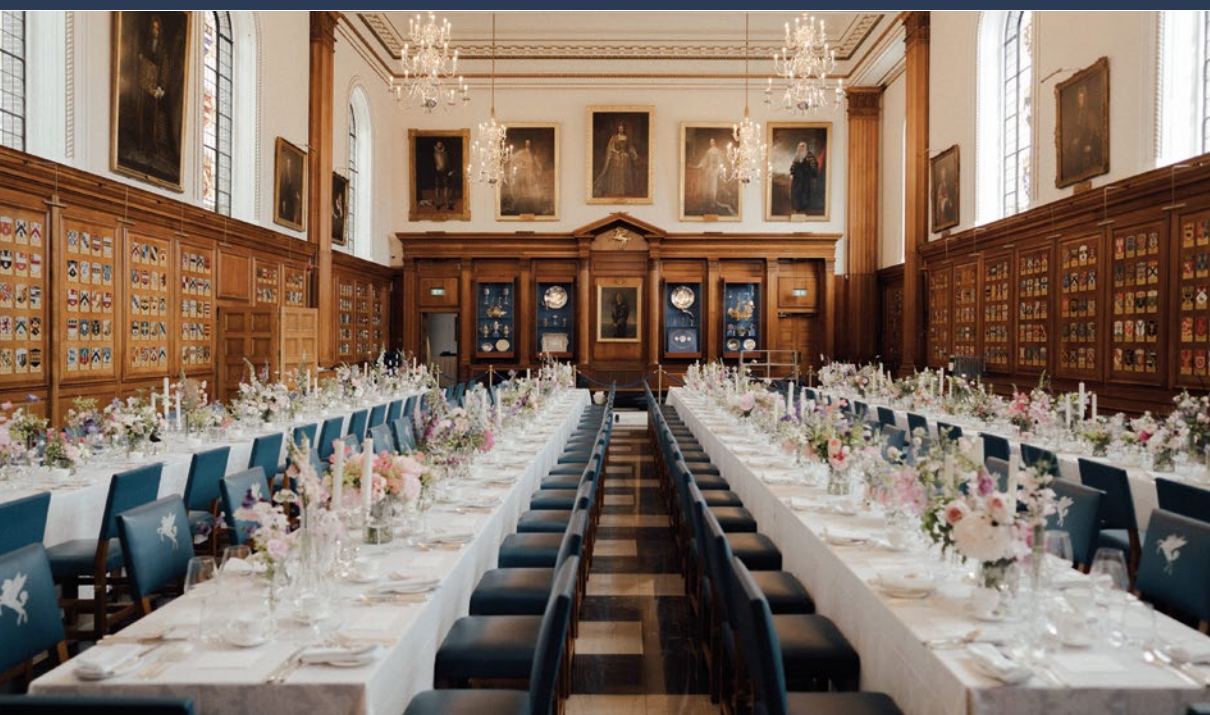
Join the Inner Temple Team to raise money for the London Legal Support Trust



This is the 13th consecutive year that the Inner Temple Team will join the London Legal Walk to raise money for the London Legal Support Trust. Friends and family are welcome to join the Inner Temple Team on Tuesday 18 June. The more the merrier!

Donations made to the Inner Temple Team will go directly to the London Legal Support Trust and can be made via our **donations page**.

To sign up to the team contact **Nadia Ruiz**



## Where forever begins...

Let the elegant charm of our classic rooms set the scene for endless love, accommodating between 80 and 240 guests. Whether you are arriving from Temple Church or hosting a civil ceremony onsite, your journey starts here. Enjoy the use of the Garden or Terrace during the summer months.

Choose from our wedding packages or collaborate with us to craft your dream celebration.

Get in touch for more information

020 7797 8230 | [venuehire@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@innertemple.org.uk) | [innertemplevenuehire.co.uk](http://innertemplevenuehire.co.uk)





SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025  
12.30PM – 3.30PM

# Temple Big Picnic

Members of the Inns, their families and friends are invited to come and enjoy our garden and hospitality. Includes barbeque, music, bouncy castle and face painters.

Adult: £33.65 Child (2-15yrs) £16.75

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





Temple Music

## SPRING 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 8 May | 8pm - 9pm  
£20 | Temple Church

### Sanctuary

Christian Forshaw reunites with the Choir of King's College London for a performance of 'Sanctuary', 21 years since the album hit the classical charts. Christian's unique blending of sacred music with saxophone, organ, voice and percussion in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the Temple Church is sure to be an atmospheric experience.

[templemusic.org/concerts/sanctuary](https://templemusic.org/concerts/sanctuary)  
Tues 15 July, 7pm  
£20 | Temple Church



### Queen of Heaven

The Temple Church was consecrated in 1185 by Patriarch Heraclius of Jerusalem and dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The church's world-famous choir take inspiration from that dedication in a wonderful array of Marian music, including Gerald Finzi's glorious Magnificat and works by Grieg, Bruckner, Tavener, Howells, Parsons and Swayne.

[templemusic.org/concerts/heavenly-queen](https://templemusic.org/concerts/heavenly-queen)



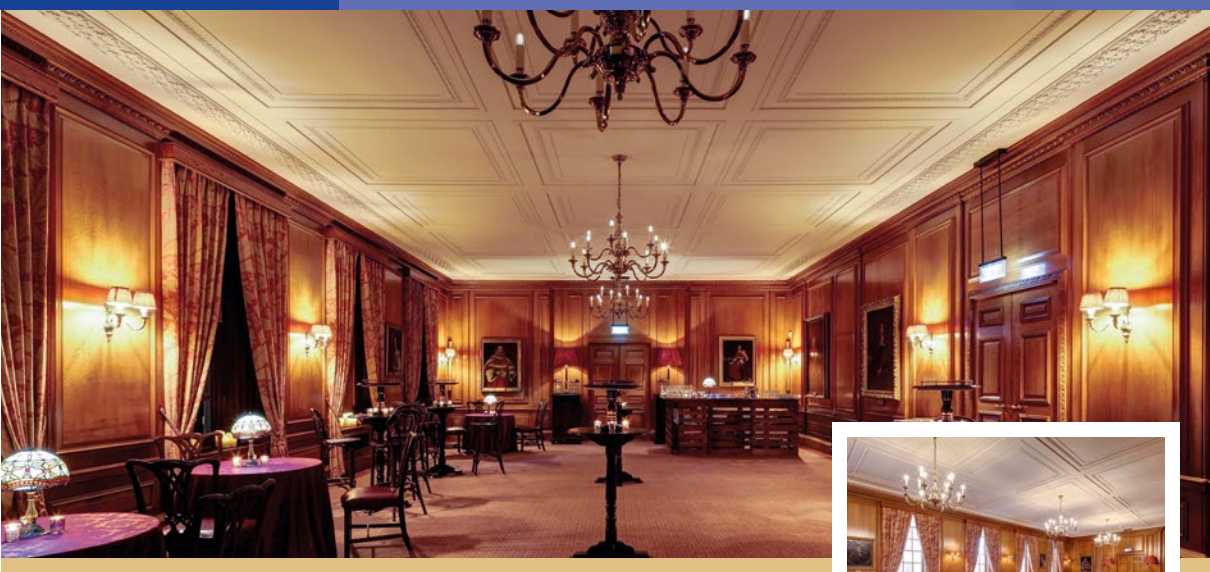
## Inn Your Own Time: Book Online

Experience our tranquil bedrooms, conveniently located just minutes from the Inn and Fleet Street.

Members can easily book online using the booking portal, available through the members area on the website.

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

020 7797 8230 | [venuehire@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@innertemple.org.uk)



## Charming Parliament Chamber Events

From business meetings and conferences to networking receptions and private dinners, the Parliament Chamber provides a refined setting for any occasion.

Seamlessly connecting to the Luncheon Room, it offers a separate breakout area for added flexibility.

**Exclusive Member Rates – Enjoy up to 70% off room hire.\***

To book, call 020 7797 8230 or email [venuehire@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@innertemple.org.uk)  
[innertemplevenuehire.co.uk](http://innertemplevenuehire.co.uk)

\*Terms and Conditions apply



### Capacities

Boardroom: 40

Theatre: 154

Dining: 96

Reception: 200



# Staff News

## CATERING



### **JULIA OLCZAK-SMITH**

Julia Olczak-Smith joins us as our Events Coordinator, overseeing the Inn's meetings and events. With experience in exhibitions at ExCeL, Olympia, and other UK exhibition centres, she brings expertise in stand planning and logistics. Welcome to the team, Julia!



### **SAJINA SAIJU**

Sajina Saiju joins us as a Kitchen Porter, bringing a strong background in customer service, hospitality, and healthcare assistance. With a keen focus on providing excellent service and ensuring smooth operations, she is a great addition to the team.



### **LILY ROWE**

Lily arrived at the Inn as our first Graduate trainee and left almost three years later with a professional qualification in Librarianship to take up her first qualified post as Assistant Librarian at the Law Society. We wish her all the best for her future career.

### **KIERAN RICO LLOYD**

We are delighted to welcome Kieran Rico Lloyd to the Pegasus Bar & Restaurant team as our new Restaurant Supervisor. Kieran brings a wealth of front of house experience, having worked for The Ivy and Park Plaza Hotels.

### **RICHARD HAYES**

Welcome to Richard Hayes, who joins us as a Kitchen Porter. With experience as a General Assistant and a background in the insurance industry, Richard brings a keen eye for detail and a strong work ethic to the team.



**TRACEY DENNIS**

Tracey arrived at the Inn as Assistant Librarian in 1994 and left in 1998. Eight years later, in 2006, she returned to the Inn as Deputy Librarian and left at the end of March 2025. We wish her a long and happy retirement.



**WILLIAM GALLAGHER**

We said a fond farewell to William, who retired on 17 March. For more than 40 years, William has been an integral part of the Inn, starting off in our Catering Department and ending up as the Car Park Supervisor. For many he was the booming voice calling the Treasurer and guests to dinner but perhaps less known is that he also looked after, and was a fount of knowledge on, the Inn's silver collection. Almost as synonymous with the Inn as the Pegasus, he will be greatly missed by all.



**MONIKA KIELLER**

Many congratulations to Monika and her partner on the birth of their daughter Safi, on 12 April. Monika will be on maternity leave from the Estates Department until mid-December.

**LONG SERVICE**

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

**20 YEARS**

**HENRIETTA AMODIO**

Director of the Treasury Office

**MIKE WILSON**

Head Chef

**15 YEARS**

**AKINOLA ADEFIOLA**

Car Park Security Attendant



# ORLANDO GIBBONS FESTIVAL

TEMPLE CHURCH  
4 - 5 JUNE 2025

Two days of world-class music celebrating  
the 400th anniversary of Orlando Gibbons,

including performances by:  
Thomas Allery harpsichord  
Phantasm Viol Consort  
The Flautadors Recorder Quartet  
Temple Singers  
Temple Church Choir



Full programme to be announced shortly on [templemusic.org](https://templemusic.org)



Temple Music

# Easter Term Diary

## MAY

- 1 Temple Church Trust  
Pupil Supervisors' Training Session  
**Benchers' Night**
- 3 **Advocacy Day & Legal Research Training**
- 6 EDI Sub-Committee  
Insight Event (Online)
- 7 **Ethics in Practice (Online)**
- 8 Scholarships and Outreach Committee  
**History Society Lecture**
- 9-11 **Students' Advocacy Residential Weekend**
- 12 Bar Liaison Committee followed by Dinner  
**Legal Awareness Quiz Night**
- 13 Executive Committee
- 14 Education & Training Committee  
**Temple Shakespeare Cup (Middle Temple)**
- 15 Advocacy Training Committee
- 17 Garden Open Day
- 19 Qualifying Sessions Committee  
**Social Context of the Law Series**
- 21 **Dinner for New Silks**
- 22 **Movers and Returners Conference Bench Table**
- 23 Easter Term Law Sittings End
- 24 Inner Temple Garden Open Day
- 29 **Rawlinson Cup Debate**

## JUNE

- 2 Books Sub-Committee
- 3 Trinity Term Law Sittings Begin
- 4 **Dinner to Celebrate South Asian Heritage Month**

## KEY

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

## Treasury Office

**Henrietta Amodio**  
Director of the Treasury Office  
020 7797 8181  
[hamodio@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:hamodio@innertemple.org.uk)

**Jude Hodgson**  
Membership Registrar & Data Protection Lead  
020 7797 8206  
[jhodgson@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:jhodgson@innertemple.org.uk)

**Kate Peters**  
Member Events & Administration Manager  
020 7797 8183  
[members@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:members@innertemple.org.uk)

**Nadia Ruiz**  
Assistant to DTO  
020 7797 8182  
[nruiz@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:nruiz@innertemple.org.uk)

**Jacqueline Fenton**  
Membership & Records Assistant  
020 7797 8241  
[jfenton@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:jfenton@innertemple.org.uk)

**Rosy Humphrey**  
Member Events & Administration Assistant  
020 7797 8264  
[members@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:members@innertemple.org.uk)

**Paul Clark**  
Technology and Communications Officer  
020 7797 8229  
[pclark@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:pclark@innertemple.org.uk)

**Sandra Alvarez**  
Communications & Social Media Co-ordinator  
020 7797 8227  
[salvarez@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:salvarez@innertemple.org.uk)

**Ceithryn Hamilton**  
Treasury Office Assistant  
020 7797 8182  
[chamilton@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:chamilton@innertemple.org.uk)





THE  
INNER  
TEMPLE

NEW  
ORLEANS

SUMMER  
PARTY

6PM-9.30PM

THURSDAY

10 JULY

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