Coleman Street Ward Club



Founded 1862 **President:** Alderman Peter Estlin **Chairman:** Nigel James, Esquire

Secretary: Dr Richard Fynes,

Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Buffet Supper 6.00PM Thursday, 9 October 2014 St Margaret Lothbury, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HH

Our Chairman, Nigel James, Esquire, invites you and your guests to attend the Coleman Street Ward Club annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Buffet Supper, to be held promptly at 6.00PM on Thursday, 9 October 2014 at St Margaret Lothbury, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HH.

The beautiful church of St Margaret Lothbury is an oasis of serenity amidst the bustle of the City of London. Although there has been a church on the site since the twelfth century, the present church was completed in 1692 after the fire of London to the design of Sir Christopher Wren, with the addition of Robert Hooke's tower in 1700. The church now contains furniture and fittings from other Wren churches, most notably the splendid choir screen that stood originally in the Church of all Hallows the Great, Thames Street, now demolished.

The service will be led by our Chaplain, The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley, Rector of St Margaret Lothbury. As ever, Jeremy's homily will be witty, erudite and inspirational. Those who attend will also have the pleasure of hearing the magnificent George Pike England organ, completed in 1801and considered to be the finest organ in the City of London, once played by Felix Mendelssohn, but to be played during the service by Richard Townend, himself an organist of international renown, especially for his long-standing annual programmes of recitals at St Margaret Lothbury.

The hearty buffet supper, to be served in the Parish Rooms after the service, will provide an excellent opportunity for members and guests to forge new friendships and to strengthen existing ones in an informal setting.

This will be a joyful occasion and one very worthy of your support. Those of every variety of belief are, of course, most welcome to attend. There is no charge for attending the service, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation in aid of the work of St Margaret Lothbury. The cost of attending the substantial buffet supper, at which wine and soft drinks will be served, remains a mere £20. Your guests will be very welcome.

Please send your cheque, payable to Coleman Street Ward Club, or pay by electronic transfer, to reach me by 3 October if you wish to attend.

Dress: Lounge Suit

Richard Fynes Hon. Secretary, Coleman Street Ward Club

