‘**Faith in The City of London’**

**A fine art photography book that captures the vibrant and diverse spiritual life within London's financial heart.**

My name is Niki Gorick. I am a fine art photographer and I have specialised in images of London and Londoners for over 20 years. My photographs have been exhibited throughout London, including at the Barbican and the National Maritime Museum, and are in both private and corporate collections. In 2015 I became intrigued by the unexpected concentration of churches and other places of worship in London’s financial heart, The Square Mile. Wanting to find out more, I started photographing to create this book called **‘Faith in The City of London’**

My aim with this book is to share my discovery of the unique interaction between faith and commerce in the City of London. I want to give a new perspective on the City and provide a real insight into a side of this globally important financial district not dominated by money-making business but by the spiritual. Apart from the world famous St. Paul’s Cathedral, there are over 40 other churches squeezed in between the City’s towers of commerce and I hope that this book will encourage more people to explore not only these amazing buildings but the hidden world of worship going on inside them.

Over the last four years, I have gained unique access to photograph the day-to-day workings of these religious enclaves and I have captured everything exactly as it has happened - nothing has been posed or photoshopped. The result of over 200 visits is a book that reveals a hidden world of worship that is surprisingly vibrant and diverse and which stretches out into many different faiths.

From family weddings and the rituals of daily services, through to dramatic investitures, magnificent harvest festivals, musical events of many varieties and celebrated, popular vicars, the photographs show an extraordinary range of spiritual goings-on and charismatic personalities.

I now have the exciting opportunity to publish ‘Faith in The City of London’ with the renowned Unicorn Publishing in Spring 2020. This large-format, high-quality, hardcover art book will feature over 150 of my colour and black & white photographs, with an introduction written by the acclaimed art critic Edward Lucie-Smith and a Foreword by the Lord Mayor of London.

However, the economics of fine art publishing have changed and for a book of this calibre I must provide the funds for production myself. To achieve this, I have created a crowdfunding campaign on Kickstarter, ending on 30th October, and would be very grateful for your financial support. <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/nikigorick/faith-in-the-city-of-london>

Do have a look at all the different thank you rewards for the suggested contribution levels, as these include signed books, framed London prints from my collection printed by King & McGaw

<https://www.kingandmcgaw.com/prints/niki-gorick> and a special tour of the City churches.

Please help me to realise this unique portrait of an unheralded side to life in the City of London.

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