

City Reopening



The Square Mile Churches are here to welcome you with their faithful worship, rich tradition, wonderful culture, music and art, their quiet spaces, prayerful support, beautiful gardens, rich architecture and welcoming communities.

On the **10 June** as the City reopens, we are delighted to welcome you to a series of special events across the churches. **Celebrity Guided Walks** on the day, in support of our charity partner, XLP can be **booked via the website** www.squaremilechurches.co.uk **which goes live on 4 June.**

Our theme for these Celebrity Guided Walks is *Recovery, Renewal and Transformation*. Join one of these walks at **12noon, 1pm or 5.30pm** on **Thursday 10 June**.

To book tickets from 4 June, go to www.squaremilechurches.co.uk

Other Walks, including Self-Guided Walks, to be announced on 4 June.

Links to churches via www.squaremilechurches.co.uk will lead you to many other events taking place on 10 June across the City.

Churches in London before the Great Fire

10 June

Join celebrated historian **Tom Holland**, on a walk from All Hallows by the Tower to St Bartholomew the Great, with stops along the way, to discover the history of the churches in London before the Great Fire.

5.30pm – meet at All Hallows by the Tower

Reinventing the Church after the Fire

10 June

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the National Gallery and the British Museum looks at three churches near the Royal Exchange built after the Great Fire: and explores how Wren and Hawksmoor re-imagined the parish church for a prosperous and Protestant City of London.

1.00pm – meet at St Mary Abchurch

In Every Corner Sing!

10 June

Andrew Earis, Director of Music St Martin-in-the-Fields and celebrated composer **Bob Chilcott**, with the Choral Scholars of St Stephen Walbrook, take you on a rich musical journey through the City, starting at St Stephen Walbrook and ending at the National Musicians' Church, Holy Sepulchre London.

5.30pm – meet at St Stephen Walbrook

Renewal and Recovery

10 June

Join Art Historian **Dan Cruickshank** as he reflects on the story of renewal and recovery in the life of the City Churches.

12.00noon – meet at venue to be confirmed on 4 June

Prayer in the City

10 June

Join the **Bishop of London, Rt Hon and Rt Revd Sarah Mullallay** as she reflects on the churches, gardens and places of The Square Mile that have been a spiritual inspiration and encouragement during lockdown.

5.30pm – meet on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral

The Politics of Recovery

10 June

Sir Peter Bottomley MP will take you on a journey through the Square Mile exploring the politics of recovery and the rebuilding of the city business.

12.00noon – meet at the Dutch Church

XLP



<https://www.xlp.org.uk/>

XLP is about creating positive futures for young people growing up on inner-city London estates, struggling daily with issues such as family breakdown, unemployment and educational failure, and living in areas that experience high levels of anti-social behaviour and gang violence. Every year XLP helps over 4,500 young people recognise their full potential. We believe positive, long-term relationships can restore a young person's trust in people, nurture the belief that things can change and encourage them to set positive goals and work hard to achieve them.