



CANDLEWICK
WARD TEAM

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New trees for Candlewick

Our artist's impression gives you an indication of how King William Street should soon look following a successful bid by your Candlewick Ward Team for environmental improvements.

There are also plans for new planters between the Monument Station junction and London Bridge, and for more green window-boxes throughout the Ward. The number one issue both residents and businesses have raised with us over the last year as your

elected representatives has been improving the area environment by making the Ward greener.

We are delighted to be able to announce that this is now well underway. Ground testing has already taken place along King William Street to identify the best locations for the new trees, and we are told that they will be planted in Spring 2024. If you are keen to support the greening of our Ward and would like further information about the flower box scheme, please contact the ward team.



Eastern Cluster Business Improvement District

After a successful referendum of larger business taxpayers in the Eastern part of the City, the Eastern Cluster Business Improvement District (“EC BID”) has been established, with an annual budget of about £3.5 million.

Its purpose is to improve the area economically, culturally and environmentally, and details of how it is working can be found at <https://ecbid.co.uk>. We are working with the EC BiD to promote specific schemes in our Ward, as well as ensuring that the Ward benefits from the more general EC BiD programmes.

Among our current asks are the promotion of Abchurch Yard

for wider community use and the installation of high-quality artwork showing the historical development of London, in place of plain hoardings scheduled to be in place for the next three years on and between Cannon Street and King William Street where building works continue.

We want to include all interested local residents and workers in the process of working out how this money should be spent in our area over the next few years, so we are inviting you to join a dedicated WhatsApp Group if you'd like to be kept informed and to have your say. Details can be found on the Candlewick Ward website and on the reverse of this newsletter.

The future of Abchurch Yard: An open space for Candlewick

St Mary Abchurch churchyard has been transformed into a vibrant and well-used space by providing seats and tables for the use of patrons of Harry’s Bar and The Vintry (the adjacent restaurant and bar).

It’s been a real success, bringing a key open space in our Ward back into good use, and St Mary Abchurch is to be congratulated for facilitating this improvement. For this



change to become permanent, however, we need to gain planning permission from the City Corporation.

As your elected Candlewick Ward Team we’ve given the planning application our full support, but were surprised to see an objection lodged.

If you support retaining the new facilities at St Mary Churchyard, please help by letting City Planning know your opinion: please email PLNComments@cityoflondon.gov.uk, quoting planning reference **23/00736/ FULL**, or contact Chris at chris.boden@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Candlewick Elector to be Lord Mayor

We are delighted that Michael Mainelli, Chairman of Z/Yen Group based here in Candlewick, has been elected as the next Lord Mayor of London.

He will champion ‘Connect to Prosper’, an initiative focused on harnessing the City’s vast knowledge ecosystem. With over 40 learned societies, 70 higher education institutions and 130 research institutes, in and around the City, it is a dynamic hub for innovation.

Michael will spotlight the City’s expertise in areas including finance, law, art



and engineering, while bringing together thought leaders from diverse backgrounds to encourage innovation and global problem solving on critical challenges facing the world - from climate change to artificial intelligence.

Repairs to London Bridge

Your Candlewick Ward Team are frustrated at the unacceptable state of the flagstones at the north end of London Bridge, which we use like many of you on a daily basis.

Having raised this matter several times with TfL - who manage the pedestrian walkway - we are told the remedial works could be in the region of six years! We are not going to leave it there. Alderman Professor Emma Edhem will now be taking this up with the Board of the City Bridge Foundation where she sits as a Trustee, with the aim of securing the funding for these urgent repairs. Contact Emma at emma.edhem@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Save the Cosy Coffee Corner

Candlewick Elector Nathan Modell is asking for your help to save the ward's most loved coffee shop.

Nathan says "I am one of many city workers in the Bank community who visit the fantastic small independent coffee shop, The Cosy Coffee Corner at St Mary Woolnoth Church.

As you may have heard by now, the coffee shop is being forced to close in December 2023, after receiving notice to vacate the

premises a few years before the end of its licence. As far as we know, there are no plans to do anything with the space at St Mary Woolnoth Church, so this feels like a big mistake!

Please, scan the QR code for more information and sign this petition if you want to help save The Cosy Coffee Corner from closure."

In other news

It has been a busy and happy summer in the Ward. Our Common Councillor, James, married his partner Olly right here in the City and as some of you have already spotted, he now has a new surname: St John Davis. You can contact him at: james.stjohndavis@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Ward newsletters

Unfortunately, the Corporation decided earlier this year to stop the ward newsletters. As your representatives, we have written to the Corporation to object to this decision. As a result, and at our own expense, we will increase the frequency of this Candlewick Ward Team newsletter to make up for those lost communications, keeping you in the loop about what is going on in the local area.

CSR Many firms in the Ward have a CSR budget and would like to allocate part of that budget to worthy local initiatives. Are you aware of the exciting and ambition plans for the future of St Mary Abchurch? As part of its restoration programme, the Church has decided to create a substantial community resource within its premises, particularly but not exclusively providing an educational resource for our community. If you'd like more details please contact us.

Get in touch

Should you have any questions or issues you'd like to discuss in relation to the Ward of Candlewick, please do get in touch.

Scan the QR code to join the Candlewick ward whatsapp community group



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