



**CANDLEWICK  
WARD TEAM**

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**ALDERMAN EMMA EDHEM  
CHRIS BODEN & JAMES ST JOHN DAVIS**



## Our Alderman is Re-elected

We are delighted to announce that at the close of Aldermanic Nominations for the Ward of Candlewick on January 9th 2024 our Alderman, Professor Emma Edhem, was declared the sole candidate to be properly nominated for election and will be duly returned as your Alderman at the Wardmote to be

held this Wednesday lunchtime at St Mary Abchurch.

In 2018 Emma was elected as your Alderman after a hotly contested election with four candidates. Aldermen are required to re-stand for election every six years, giving you the electors the opportunity

to express your continued democratic confidence.

The first requirement is to secure five valid nominations from the Ward's register of electors. If all five nominations are secured, the next stage is to obtain the plurality of votes from electors in the Ward in a poll. *(cont. overleaf)*

We, your Councillors, are delighted to see a clear message from the Ward of Candlewick, where Emma is securely back as our Alderman for another six years as the only candidate who was able to secure the full complement of nominations bringing her back to the role without need of a poll.

Consequently, the poll scheduled for February 1st has been cancelled, and Emma will be declared re-elected at the Wardmote this Wednesday lunchtime, to which you are invited and encouraged to

## Join us at the Wardmote

**The word “Wardmote” is Saxon in origin, reflecting the fact that, for over a thousand years, electors in each of London’s Wards met to conduct local business.**

In more modern times, the Wardmote has become a public forum where City of London electors, such as yourself, have the right to attend, speak, ask questions about local issues and importantly work together with your elected Ward Team to promote improvements in the Ward, and in the case of Candlewick, going the extra mile beyond duties expected of us to further create a community of friends, contacts and support.

Each Ward has three Wardmotes: an annual Wardmote, in March; a Wardmote convened in any year of election (or re-election) of the Ward Alderman; and in the case

attend. This will give those of you who have not yet had a chance to meet her in person the opportunity to make direct contact, and for those who have known her for the many years as your Alderman to continue your support for our Team with her back at the helm for our Ward.

The most important role of the Court of Aldermen (there are 25 of them - one from each of the City’s wards) is to provide a pool of suitably qualified candidates to become Aldermanic Sheriffs and, subsequently, Lord Mayors of the City of London. We look

of a by-election to choose one of the Ward’s Common Councillors. Our Ward has two Wardmotes this year as it is the year of an Aldermanic re-election. Our first Wardmote is this **Wednesday, January 31st, at 1:30 pm** to re-elect Emma, who will now be re-elected unopposed. Both the Alderman and we, your Councillors, wholeheartedly encourage you to attend. Our ordinary annual Wardmote will take place on **Thursday, 21 March at Noon**. We’ll circulate a reminder of that Wardmote in a future newsletter.

It’s well worth attending a Wardmote if only to see the ancient traditions being carried on - starting with the Summons to the meeting being cried out by the Ward Beadle (the position of Beadle is the most ancient elected Office in the City, going back well before the Norman Conquest). Apart from the ceremonial aspects, there is also the opportunity at the Annual Wardmote to discuss the “business of the Ward” -

forward to our Alderman’s progression, matching that of our previous Alderman, Dame Fiona Woolf, who in 2013 became the City’s second (and most recent) woman to be elected Lord Mayor.

Our current Lord Mayor, the excellent Professor Michael Mainelli, is the 695th person to hold that position and is one of our electors here in Candlewick Ward. As the Ward’s Common Councillors, we have confidence that Emma will follow in Fiona Woolf’s and Michael Mainelli’s footsteps.



particularly any problems which need to be sorted out in the locality and just as importantly to meet us face to face if you have not already done so. Come and be a part of our Candlewick Community. The Community is designed to give you a local community in your work life and, for our residents, a say in how we can improve your home lives through our role as Councillors. So please come along to one, or both, of the forthcoming Wardmotes, the first of the two allowing us to welcome our Alderman back to Candlewick. **The Wardmotes will both be held at the Church of St Mary Abchurch**, in Abchurch Lane, between Cannon Street and King William Street.



## Rough sleeping

A number of you have been in contact with us regarding rough-sleeping and we want to thank those of you who’ve used the details on the candlewick website to ‘flag’ rough sleeping to the Corporation and St Mungo’s support team. Further information on the work we’re doing (and how you can get involved) is available on the website; we’re delighted to support the opening of the 29-bedroomed hostel last year and this year, the new Rough Sleeping Assessment Centre.

## Your Questions on Road Safety

We have arranged for Officers to attend the Wardmote on 21 March to explain the road safety improvements planned for our area and to allow local residents and city workers to express concerns about what other local issues with our roads and pavements need to be addressed. Do please continue to engage with us and join us in March.

## Road Safety at Bank’s Cannon Street entrance

At the last Wardmote, we responded to concerns about safely crossing Cannon Street at the new entrance to Bank Station, saying that we were pressing for a pedestrian crossing. We are delighted to report that works have just begun to deliver a new signalised crossing there. Once completed, this should also help to alleviate some of the pressures at Monument Junction.



## Green spaces awards

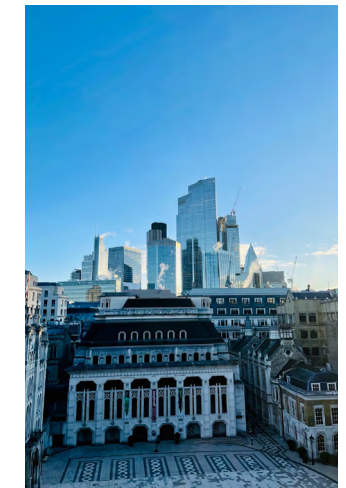
In the Square Mile, the Corporation maintains many green spaces. Last year, the City received 15 Green Flag Awards and five London in Bloom Awards. As your local Councillors, we are working hard to support improvements to the natural environment in Candlewick Ward, with exciting proposals for our Ward coming up for consideration at a Guildhall meeting in March. Come to the Wardmote to find out more.

## Ambition 25

The City Corporation will be continuing engagement to create and promote its “Ambition 25”, through which the Corporation plans for better careers, fair pay and making the City Corporation an attractive place to work. We’ll cover this in detail at the Wardmote and look forward to hearing your views.

## Monument Junction

Early improvements this year to this section of our street system are firmly proposed, but the precise timing of those improvements is not yet confirmed. We’ll let you know as and when a final decision is made. These changes will improve the current layout on the King William Street and Cannon Street arms of Monument junction, but signalised crossings will only be possible when TfL reconfigures and rebuilds the junction itself.







## Get in touch

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As your local Common Councillors, we are both keen to hear from you if you have any complaints, concerns or questions about any local or City matter. Please see our contact details below.

Together with our newly re-elected Alderman, Professor Emma Edhem, we make up your dedicated Ward Team, working

hard for the residents and workers in Candlewick.

We are fortunate here in Candlewick to have such a close-knit Team serving the Ward, a fact that is mentioned frequently by representatives from other City Wards! Further details, including this and past newsletters, can be found on the Ward website.

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