

Press Release

Faith in the City of London

By Niki Gorick

Foreword by the Lord Mayor of London. Introduction by Edward Lucie-Smith

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'I am delighted that this book reveals and celebrates the City of London's very active and diverse spiritual life. It is an unheralded side to London's financial centre that deserves to be better known and appreciated'

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell

The mention of 'Faith in The City of London' conjures up images of ceremonial events in St. Paul's Cathedral, but there are over 40 other Anglican churches, as well as Jewish, Dutch, Catholic and Welsh places of worship squeezed in between The Square Mile's towers of commerce. Intrigued by this incongruity, highly acclaimed London photographer Niki Gorick has gained unique access to capture the day-to-day workings of these ancient buildings and discovered a vibrant, diverse spiritual life stretching out into many faiths.



This is a book about London and Londoners from a completely new angle, revealing a rich mix of characters, traditions and human interest stories. From weddings, communions, evangelical bible studies and Livery company carol services, to Knights Templar investitures, huge wet fish displays, Afghan music and vicars wielding knives, the photographs show an extraordinary range of spiritual goings-on and charismatic personalities.

For the first time, it's possible to get a real insight into a side of London's Square Mile not dominated by money-making, where City workers are trying to connect to life's deeper meanings and where religious traditions and questions of faith are still very much alive.

This hidden world of worship is revealed over 176 pages by engaging the reader through a blend of pictures and text. ***Faith in the City of London*** will appeal to all those interested in London and how its people think and feel, as well to those intrigued by the relationship between commerce and religion. Anyone who's ever admired a Wren church purely as a building of historical interest will be drawn in to discover that there is still spirituality within the stone and that religion retains a hold in the financial heart of the capital.

As a British fine art photographer specialising in images of London and Londoners for over 20 years, **Niki Gorick** has established a reputation for capturing the true character of the city. Niki's enthusiasm for creating images led to a career spanning theatre photography, journalism, television camerawork and scriptwriting in Canada, Hong Kong and Scotland, as well as London, where she now lives and works. Her photographs have been exhibited throughout London, including at the Barbican and the National Maritime Museum, and are in both private and corporate collections. www.nikigorick.com #cityfaithbook

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St Stephen Walbrook - Monday 20 April - Sunday 3 May with a book launch on Tuesday 28 April, 6.30-8.30pm

St Lawrence Jewry - Monday 20 July to Sunday 20 September to link in with the City of London Corporation's arts festival of 'Believe! Faith, Freedom (and Football)' with a launch event on Monday 20 July from 6pm

'Faith in The City of London!' outdoor exhibitions:

Guildhall Yard: Sat 03 Oct – Mon 19 Oct / Aldgate Square: Tues 20 Oct – Tues 17 Nov

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