



LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

ST LAWRENCE JEWRY

St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street

St Lawrence Jewry was an ancient parish in the City of London and formed part of Cheap Ward. Each ward has an elected alderman and supporting councilmen in the City of London Corporation which has administered the City since before the Norman Conquest and is still doing so today.

This church was founded in the 12th century. It burnt down in the Great Fire and was rebuilt by Wren in the 1670s. At this point the parish of St Mary Magdalen Mills Street, whose church had also been destroyed, was united with St Lawrence. In 1897 St Michael Bassishaw was united to these two parishes after its church was demolished. The church of St Lawrence was damaged in the Second World War and rebuilt again in the 1950s and it now serves as a Guild Church. Records of St Lawrence Jewry, including registers of baptisms (1538-1812 and 1941-1953), marriages (1538-1851) and burials (1538-1853) are at London Metropolitan Archives, Ref: P69/LAW1.



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