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ST LAWRENCE POUNTNEY

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St Lawrence Pountney was an ancient parish in the City of London and formed part of Candlewick 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.

The church of St Lawrence gained 'Pountney' in its name after John de Poulteney paid to convert it into a college in 1334. This was dissolved around 1550 and the church reverted to being a parish church. The building was destroyed in the Great Fire and the parish subsequently united with St Mary Abchurch. Records of St Lawrence Pountney, including registers of baptisms (1538-1739), marriages (1538-1666) and burials (1538-1739) are at The London Archives, Ref: P69/LAW2.

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