

Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Service of Re – Dedication and Myddelton Lunch 2019

The 2019 Service of Re-Dedication of the Company's Cross was held at St Mary-at-Hill on 7th January and was led by our Hon Chaplain the Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin. The service included a reading by the Master, Simon Catford, and a short sermon by the Chaplain explaining how important water was in the world for sustaining life, peace and goodwill amongst all. Members of the Company then renewed their pledge to the service of God, the City, the Company and Queen Elizabeth.



The Master and Court Members leaving St Mary at Hill following the service

As is the Company's tradition members and their guests then processed through the City to the elegant surrounding of Trinity House for the annual Myddelton Lunch.



The traditional procession of Company members and their guests through the City

This year the Master welcomed Alderman Peter Estlin, the 691st Lord Mayor of the City of London and the Lady Mayoress as his principal guests. Also attending were Aldermanic Sheriff Vincent Keaveny, Hon Freeman Michael Mainelli, Master World Trader Edwina Moreton OBE and Carolyn Dwyer from the City of London Corporation together with over 100 other members of the Company and their guests.

The Lord Mayor in his response made reference to his principal campaign *Shaping Tomorrows City Today* and the need for innovation and technology together with digital skills and social inclusion and where sustainability is fundamental to its success.



He recognised how important water was to the City and valued the contributions which the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators was making in raising the profile of clean water and the need to reduce the amount of plastic in circulation and, was pleased to have their involvement with the Plastic Free City event in in the Guildhall Yard in March.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Peter Estlin addressing the Company

In support of the Lord Mayor's Appeal the Master presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for £1000 towards its work.

The Company's charity, the Water Conservation Trust makes bursary awards to students studying water related topics and the Master took the opportunity at the lunch to present two students, Thomas Booth and Gareth Williams with certificates and water jugs for their excellent dissertations.



Peter Hall, Past Master and Trust Treasurer with award winning students Gareth(l) and Thomas(r)

The very enjoyable day was rounded off with a collection which raised over £1000 for Treloars College and a Stirrup Cup before everyone made their journeys home.

Court Assistant, Trevor Harrington