

The Election of Alderman Michael Manielli as the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London 2023



Friday 29th September 2023, was a special day, when the Common Hall assembled and elected a new Lord Mayor. It was a colourful affair, genteel in manner, but important in carrying out a very old election. Common Hall is a term used to describe a gathering of liverymen, and concerned with an election. The new Lord Mayor will be the first born in the USA, with a personal link to the UK, Ireland and Italy, making him very global in outlook. The lucky winner of the election today being Prof. Michael Mainelli; he is a scientist, economist, and accountant, known for being chairman of Z/Yen. In his address today he spoke of the importance to London of science and technology, of the 8,000 businesses engaged in technology and in his Mayoral year, he will champion 'Connect to Prosper', an initiative focused on harnessing the City's vast knowledge ecosystem of our over 40 learned societies, 70 higher education institutions, and 130 research institutes, in and around the City. People often do not recognise what a dynamic hub for innovation London is. I'm very encouraged to hear there will be a focus on technology and innovation in the year ahead and recognition of the importance to our economy.



The Senior Warden Agnes Xavier- Phillips, JP, DL, attended the meeting of Common Hall at London's Guildhall on 29th September 2023 for the election of Michael Mainelli as the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London.



The Election was followed by lunch . The Senior Warden joined her mother Company The City of London Solicitors, the Scriveners Company and the Butchers' Company for lunch at their Butchers' Hall. Liverymen and guests were joined by Master Solicitor **Sarah de Gay**, Master Scrivener **John Hammond** and Master Butcher **Chris Wood** for lunch.



Agnes Xavier- Phillips JP DL
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