

## WLCOW's Participation in 2021 Remembrance Day Services

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November: London City & Livery 'Garden of Remembrance' Service."



A fine morning saw Past Master Gillian Davies arriving at the Plaisterer's Hall in London. Gillian collected our cross and then Livery Companies were marshalled according to seniority and set off to St Paul's. Lines of six were formed and gradually moved forward to lay their crosses. The Lord Mayor, William Russell, and other dignitaries led the way. Gillian noted "It was thrilling to have a Master of



*Ceremony call out "Wales" and be invited to step forward. Thank you for asking me to represent the Livery"*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021: London St Pauls and the Royal Exchange

All Livery Companies were invited to attend the Service of Remembrance in St Paul's Cathedral and the laying of wreaths at the memorial outside The Royal Exchange. The Master was delighted to accept on your behalf



All gowned representatives of the Livery Companies were seated together in a block in the South Transept. As we waited for the Service to begin Masters talked about their Companies. The Architects are leasing the smallest Hall in London – in the Temple Arch. The Upholders Master is a national upholstery trainer and noted the increased interest in crafts during Covid. The Fanmakers were much involved in fans in computers and

the Needlemakers had many surgeon members and were looking at laser use in operations. It was very impressive to hear about the modernisation of Livery Companies. All were seated under the beautiful Dome of St Pauls.

The service was very moving with lessons read by the Dean and by the New Lord Mayor of London, The Right Honourable Vincent Keaveny. The last post signalled the start of a two-minute silence and the Reveille sounded its end. The National Anthem and blessings concluded the service at St Paul's.



The Gowned masters then went in Procession to the Royal Exchange and lined the route for the three Bands that played at the wreath laying.

The Lord Mayor laid the first wreath followed by HRH Prince Michael of Kent and the representatives of, amongst others, The Old Comrades.



The IPM Fruiterer laid the last wreath on behalf of all Livery Companies with the "London Livery Companies and Wales" on the card.



We then stood underneath the viewing platform outside Mansion House for a March Past by the Bands and The Old Comrades. The Lord Mayor and HRH Prince Michael of Kent took the salute

This marked the end of the Service



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021: National Service of Remembrance for Wales**



Past master Geoff Hughes attended the service and laid the wreath on behalf of the Livery Company. Morfudd Meredith, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Honorary Liveryman) laid a wreath on behalf of The Queen. Wyn Calvin (Liveryman) gave the exhortation as President of Cardiff Central Branch of the Royal British Legion.

