

# Anglican-Lutheran Society

## Annual Meeting 2021

By Zoom from All-Hallows-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, London EC3 5BJ

Saturday 6th March, 2021

### **'WITNESS THROUGH SERVICE AND SACRIFICE'**

Martyrdom and the Church Today

#### **A Brief Introduction to All-Hallows-by-the-Tower by the Rev Katherine Hedderly**

The church was founded in 275 next to the Tower of London and has seen its share of martyrs. St Ethelburga, Abbess of a Benedictine Abbey in Barking, had the church founded for her by her brother, the fourth Bishop of London.



Ethelburga herself lived in the time of a pandemic – plague. Her nuns ministered to the sick and also died from it. A new icon has been commissioned by Aidan Hart of St Ethelburga holding the church she founded in one arm and medicinal herbs in the other hand as a reminder of the sacrificial ministry she undertook, and the present day health care workers continue to undertake.

Many of those beheaded at the Tower are buried at All Hallows, including Archbishop Laud and Thomas More. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 'Tubby' Clayton, founder of Toc H, was one of the Vicars.

The building survived the Fire of London but was damaged in World War II.

Normally 550,000 people (the same as the population of Liverpool) come in and out of the City each day to work but it is very quiet at the moment with most people working from home and no international visitors.

Katherine invited everyone to take a virtual tour of the church and to learn more about its history. . You can find it at <https://www.izi.travel/en/442d-bertrand-olivier-s-tour/en> or you can follow this link <https://www.ahbtt.org.uk/visit/audio/> and use the QR code you find there. Once you download it, search for 'All Hallows by the Tower'.

The guide includes 11 areas or features of the church with a photo and a short audio guide by The Rev Bertrand Oliver, the former vicar. First he gives a brief introduction and you then follow the tour. It takes about 30 minutes.