



## Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers Message from the Master

Dear All

I write this on a lovely sunny day, buds are bursting open on our wisteria and I sense Spring is on its way. You'll be able to see from [The Master's Diary](#) on my website that with around 10 engagements a month my year is gradually getting busier and busier. I'm enjoying every moment, meeting a wide range of interesting people and last month had lunch with the Judges at the Old Bailey before taking in a Court case.



I've some exciting invitations on the mantle piece including a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on my birthday in May and being [Jailed and Bailed](#) on 19 June.

I expect to be arrested at the Mansion House and taken to The Tower where I'll be on water (sparkling, I hope) rations, courtesy of champagne house Pol Roger, until I reach the £1000 bail demanded for my release. My fund is gradually building up and I'm sure that with your help I'll exceed the target. All money raised will go to the British Red Cross to support its fantastic work. There's a rumour that the "Mistress" is collecting money to keep me in the Tower, surely not!?!? Please contribute to my [Bail Fund](#).

### The Master's Glass Commission: Mansion House Gifts

Liveryman and glass collector Mark Holford and I are thrilled with both the number of (45) and quality of "expressions of interest" we received for this Commission - so much so that we invited everyone to submit a sample of their proposed gift. We'll be judging the submissions on 23 April at Coopers' Hall and the samples will be on show at the **Glass Dinner on 24 September**. [View the samples](#)



And talking of making things in glass, I recently stumbled across an amazing Dutch film – [GLAS](#). It won an Academy Award for the best documentary in 1959 yet it's astonishingly contemporary. View it [here](#). Enjoy!



### A "Gather" of Masters helps Ravenscroft Innovation Lecture raise nearly £500 for the Glass Sellers' Charity STEM activities

We were a full house (100 attendees) for this year's Lecture held at the offices of international law firm Bryan Cave LLP and given by [Rob Ireson](#) of [Glass Technology Services Ltd](#).

Included in the Guest List were Liverymen (mostly Masters accompanied by their Clerks or Consorts) from over 20 City Livery Companies. As you can see from the image they were a happy lot. When welcoming everyone, I challenged those present and my followers on Twitter to offer a collective noun for a group of Masters.

"Deck" responded the Makers of Playing Cards adding, "52 and a pair of Jokers and when in robes and regalia a Liberate"

"Rank" said the Hackney Carriage Drivers; "Harem" suggested a Marketor for female Masters, and our own Past Master John Clark put forward "Gather" for a collection of Master Glass Sellers.

**For a flavour for the evening, and to download or forward any of the images taken by photographer, Karla Gowlett, click [HERE](#).**



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### The June Church Service and Charity Dinner: 11 June 2015, St James Garlickhythe and Painter Stainers' Hall

The focus of our June Dinner is Charity. **The Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry** (until recently MP for Banbury, Oxfordshire) who has recently become a Trustee of St Ethelberga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in Bishopsgate will be the Guest Speaker. The Guests will be proposed by Liveryman Dr Chris Stoot.

Because I know how important it is to hear first hand the impact of charitable giving, I've invited some of our beneficiaries to join us so you can meet and hear from them in person the difference our Charity has made.

Our Hon Chaplain, Canon Philip Need, has designed a fresh format for the Church Service .  
*Details to follow shortly.*

### Upcoming Dates

**24 July:** *Friends and Family Friday Church Service*, St James Garlickhythe, followed by lunch at The Capital Club, Abchurch Lane. This service and lunch replaces the usual one in November. I thought that selecting a warmer time of year with light evenings and a weekday would enable more people to attend for either the service and/or the lunch and either return to work or take in a museum or other activity in the afternoon.

**24 September:** *The Glass Dinner*, Ironmongers' Hall with Dame Fiona Woolf DBE (Lord Mayor 2013-4) as Guest Speaker. Dinner will be preceded by Common Hall.

**22 October:** *The Mansion House Banquet*. This is a highlight in the Glass Sellers' year and it's a great opportunity to invite friends and business colleagues to experience being wined and dined in considerable style in the Lord Mayor's home. My guest speaker is Angela Knight, CBE.

*Regular attendees please note the date – and it's a Thursday.*



### FOR SALE: Glass Sellers' Salt notecards and other merchandise

The cards are similar to my Christmas card but blank on the inside and have a larger image of the Salt on the back with a shorter narrative description. They can be purchased in packs of 6 (with envelopes) for £10 (proceeds to the Glass Sellers Charity) at the June Dinner.

If you're not attending and would like to buy some, please drop me an email or give me a call on 07860 845037.

Remember you can also order **Glass Sellers merchandise** (which now includes umbrellas £25 and showerproof jackets £35). **[View merchandise and order.](#)**

With best wishes.

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