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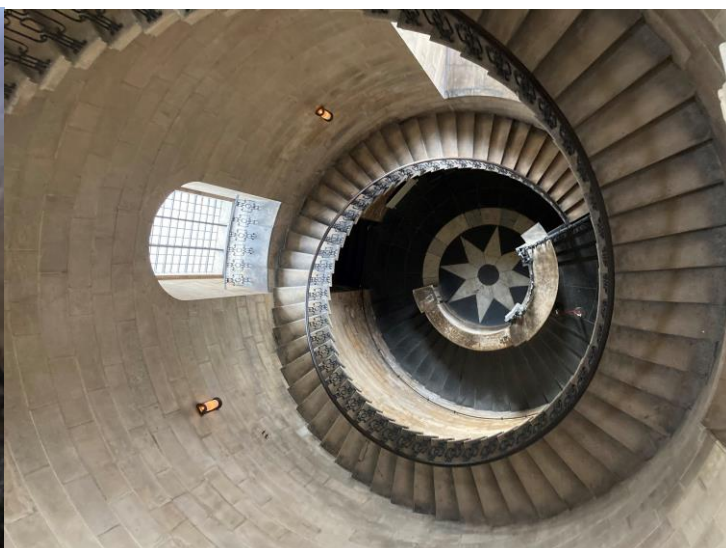
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LIVERY SOCIETY EVENT



On **Friday 21st October** a total of **37 Liverymen** and their guests were taken on a **Private Tour** of **St Paul's Cathedral**, including a visit to the **Triforium** (a rare treat as there is generally no public access) followed by **Evensong** in the **Quire** and **Dinner** across the road at **Café Rouge**.



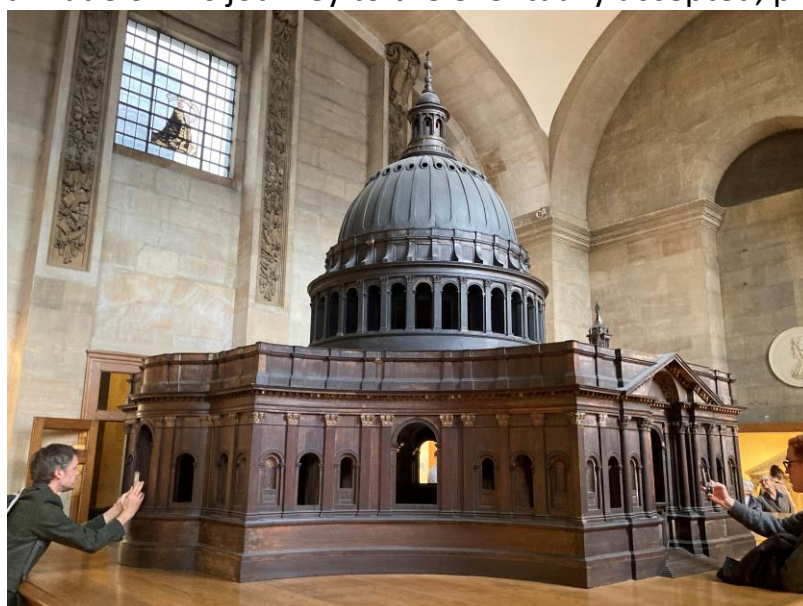
This trip had been in the pipeline for a long time c/o the pandemic, but **Past Master Patrick Wilkins** had given us a wonderful **and memorable Zoom talk** about St Paul's **during lockdown** to whet the appetite

Patrick has been **Secretary to the Wandsmen of St. Paul's** for the past **27 years**, and therefore a key volunteer in the Cathedral – so the Livery Society was the beneficiary of the goodwill he has built up and his contacts in the area.

The tour, by two of the Cathedral's principal guides, included the Cathedral Floor and Crypt levels and left everybody considerably better informed and curious to find out more.



The contents in the **Triforium** were fascinating; as extraordinary an attic collection as one is likely to come across, including the exceptional wooden **'Great Model'** of the **proposed Cathedral** which Sir Christopher Wren (whose simple tombstone we saw in the Crypt) had made on his journey to the eventually accepted, present, design.



Seats had been reserved for us in the **Quire** for **Evensong**; we took up the whole of one side ! A truly memorable and **privileged experience** which was followed by a **convivial reception and Dinner** at **Café Rouge**.



Huge thanks to Patrick, our guides Gill and Yvonne, and to everyone else involved in arranging this fantastic experience.

Max Elvidge Chairman of the Bakers' Livery Society

