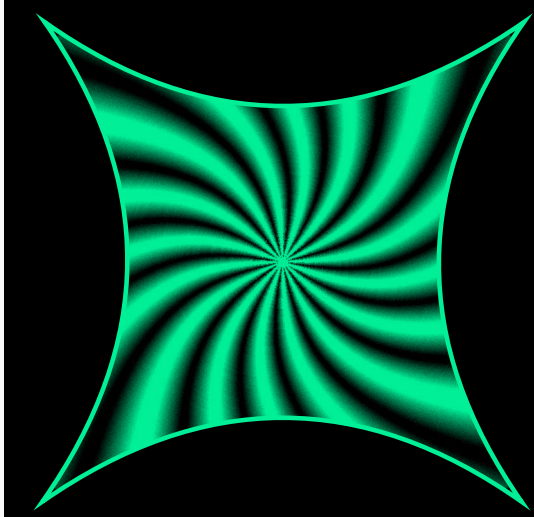
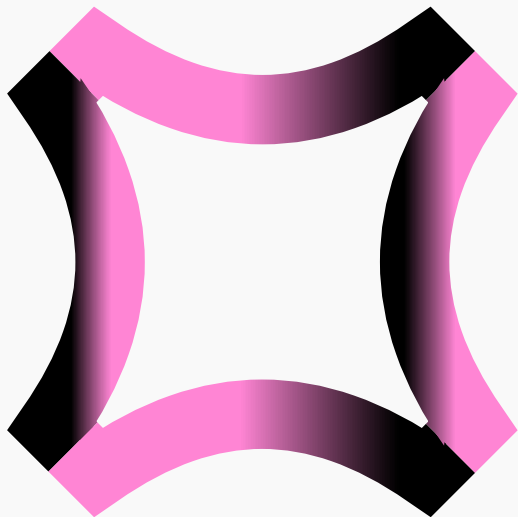


RENAISSANCE LONDON



EVENT PROGRAMME

**TWO DAYS
OF WONDER**



14–15 NOVEMBER 2025

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

09:30 — 10:00 DOORS

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

10:00 — 11:30 MAIN SESSION 1

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

11:30 — 12:00 COFFEE

12:00 — 13:00 MAIN SESSION 2

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

13:00 — 13:30 LUNCH

See website for great lunch recommendations, and discounts available to ticket holders.

13:30 — 14:30 POP-UPS 1

Pop-ups are fun, interactive experiences that will spark your imagination.

→ **SEE POP-UPS**

14:30 — 16:00

LABS

1

Labs are workshops designed to help you encounter God, be equipped with practical skills, and empowered in your creativity.

COURAGEOUS CREATIVITY

Join Al Gordon as he unpacks how God wants to help you overcome your fears, and turn your best ideas into reality.

→ **THE HALL**

HOW TO START A RIOT

Join Eniola Abioye for a conversation on the artist as a revolutionary possessed with a mission to get every eye filled with the beauty of Jesus, every heart filled with the love of Jesus, and every space with His presence.

→ **THE NAVE**

SURRENDER, ATTENTIVENESS & FLOW IN ART PRACTICE

In this Lab, Donna Matthews will share images and videos tracing her journey from the 1990's, as songwriter and guitarist in the band Elastica, to her current research highlighting the themes of attentiveness and flow within artistic and faith contexts, and how these ideas shape what it means to make art as followers of Jesus.

→ **THE DEN**

CARING FOR THE CREATIVE MIND

Join Isak Petersen and a panel of special guests for a conversation on how the creative mind works, its rhythms and how as creatives we can better care for our mental health and that of those around us.

→ **PAPER DRESS VINTAGE**

THE FUTURE OF WORK: EMBRACING AI ETHICALLY

In this session James Poulter, AI Expert and author of upcoming book - AI at Work, will unpack the current moment in AI - how, if and when we should be using AI tools to enable our creativity and what it looks like to become "full stack" workers in the future.

→ **ST BARNABAS**



Scan the QR code to find out more about this year's contributors! We are joined at Renaissance London 2025 by dozens of extraordinary men and women from the fields of fashion, tech, film, finance and more, as well as pastors, theologians and thinkers from around the world.

16:00 — 17:30

LABS

2

THE NIGHT OF FIRE: SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE AND THE CREATIVE LIFE

Bishop Graham Tomlin and Dr Belle Tindall dig into Blaise Pascal's 'night of fire' - the night that changed the way he interacted with the world around him. So, with Pascal as a case-study, we'll be asking - what is the link between the Holy Spirit and creativity? Does spiritual experience fuel a radical and creative life?

→ **THE HALL**

RENAISSANCE WOMEN'S LAB

Join Amy Orr-Ewing & Ale Siekmeier for a lab speaking to the female creatives, founders, leaders and builders who stand at the intersection of faith and culture. We'll be exploring imposter syndrome, comparison and hesitation - and stepping into identity groundes in Jesus.

→ **THE DEN**

ENTREPRENEURS LAB - THE ESSENCE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Join Ben Pilgreen for an entrepreneurs lab unpacking how we identify, harness and protect the 'essence' of entrepreneurship, and the pitfalls and opportunities that can make or break every entrepreneur.

→ **PAPER DRESS VINTAGE**

CREATIVITY IS A WEAPON

The Spirit hovers over the chaos, and the Lord uses creativity to bring the light into the darkness. Join Wole Agbaje for a lab exploring how God uses creativity to usher His Kingdom into dark places through prophetic art.

→ **ST BARNABAS**

17:30 — 18:30

POP-UPS 2

For more info, see opposite.

→ **SEE POP-UPS**

18:30 — 19:00

DOORS - In the queue, look up at the sky...

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

19:00 — 21:30

MAIN SESSION 3

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

AFTER HOURS

22:00 — 23:00

Late Night Worship with IMPRINT

→ **St Barnabas Homerton**

22:00 — 23:00

Secret Gig

→ **The Den**

23:00 — TIL LATE

The Party goes on...

→ **Hackney Church Brew Co.**

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

09:30 — 10:00

DOORS

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

10:00 — 11:30

MAIN SESSION 4

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

11:30 — 12:00

COFFEE

12:00 — 13:00

MAIN SESSION 5

→ **HACKNEY CHURCH**

13:00 — 13:30

LUNCH

See website for great lunch recommendations!

13:30 — 14:30

POP-UPS 3

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14:30 — 16:00

LABS 3

THE ART OF RISK

We need more leaders who take bold creative risks, and who will risk trying new things to change the world for the better. Join Chris Bacon & Al Gordon in conversation exploring creative risk, what unique role Christians can plan, what holds us back, and how to get beyond this.

→ THE HALL

MAGNIFY SESSIONS: FASHION, FOLLOWERS & FAITH

Join Ruth Afolabi and special guests Omoyemi Akerele, Emily Elizabeth Beaney and Reuben Larkin for a unique conversation on the collision of the worlds of fashion, followers and faith.

→ THE NAVE

UNBLOCKED: CREATING BEYOND SHAME, OFFENCE & COMPARISON

Join Ale Siekmeier for an empowering conversation on becoming 'Unblocked'. Discover how to break free from the shackles of shame, offense, and comparison, and step into a life of authentic creativity.

→ PAPER DRESS VINTAGE

HI I'M ZACH AND I'M A RECOVERING EPIC CHRISTIAN

Join Zach Meerkreebs for a lab exploring how we pursue beauty and the fullness of what God has for us while being wonderfully and painfully, still human.

→ THE DEN

THE POOR WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSE

Tom Herbert is joined by Hannah Seekings & Temi Taiwo for a conversation between friends about loving your neighbour with the skills and gifts you have. Straight after the Long Table pop-up at St Luke's.

→ ST LUKE'S

16:00 — 17:00

LABS 4

FROM FOLLOWERS TO COMMUNITY

Join Black Ballad's CEO's Tobi Oredein and Bola Awoniyi to discuss what it means to build an engaged audience with purpose, and take people from being followers to part of a community.

→ THE HALL

WHAT'S YOUR FOCUS? THE DIRECTOR'S CUT

Join cinematographer Natasha Duursma, creative director Matt Miller & film director Devon Kuzi in conversation with Zoe Angus on faith in the film & media industry, and with an exclusive look at their best work.

→ THE DEN

FAITH AND THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

Isak Petersen is joined by Grammy-nominated artist Josh Grimmitt, Jake Isaac, Ellie Page & Praise Lubangu to talk about navigating the music industry today as followers of Jesus.

→ PAPER DRESS VINTAGE

THE SHAKING OF SECULARISM AND THE SEARCH FOR A SAVIOUR

The western Church has experienced a significant shaking at both an intellectual and experiential level. This is an extraordinary opportunity for Kingdom creativity. Join Pete Hughes to explore how the Church can step forward in this moment with conviction and boldness.

→ ST BARNABAS

18:30 — 19:00 DOORS

→ HACKNEY CHURCH

19:00 — 21:30 MAIN SESSION 6

→ HACKNEY CHURCH

AFTER HOURS

22:00 - TIL LATE

The After Party

→ The Half Crown

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - RENAISSANCE SUNDAY AT SAINT

Join us across East London in Hackney, Shoreditch, Homerton, Leyton & West Ham for Renaissance Sunday on 16th November, featuring Renaissance guests and contributors across the day. For service times, visit [SAINT.CHURCH/SUNDAY](https://www.saintchurch.org.uk/sunday).

RENAISSANCE MARKETPLACE & GALLERY

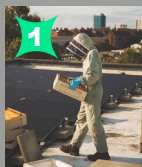
The Renaissance Marketplace is back with new merchandise, honey, and products from outstanding small businesses. Held in The Hub in Hackney Church House, this year's marketplace features Stae Store, The Perfume Project, Truth Muse, Olive & Ember & the Renaissance Upcycling Station, as well as St Andrew's Bookshop.

13:00 - 19:00 - FRIDAY

13:00 - 18:00 - SATURDAY

→ The Hub

POP-UPS



1

→ Outside Hackney Church House

MEET THE BEES

13:30-14:30 - BOTH DAYS

Join expert beekeeper Eric Beaumont to meet the SAINT bees, try our famous honey, and learn to make beeswax candles. On the grass outside Hackney Church House.



3

→ Meet at Sons

RENAISSANCE RUN CLUB

08:00-09:00 - SATURDAY ONLY

Get up early on Saturday for a brisk 5k run taking in some of East London's most famous sights. Meet at Sons - free batch coffee afterwards for all involved, with thanks Triple Co.



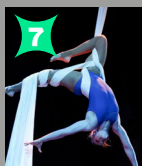
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→ The Chapel, Hackney Church

SHARED SKY

13:30 & 17:30 - BOTH DAYS

Visit Es Devlin's Shared Sky in Hackney Church - this year, we are praying under the skies of Sudan & New York City, for peace around the world.



7

→ St Luke's Homerton

JOIN THE CIRCUS

13:30-17:30 - FRIDAY ONLY

Join professional acrobats from the AirCraft Circus Academy, get out of your comfort zone and Join the Circus. Not for the faint hearted! All afternoon on Friday at St Luke's.



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→ Paper Dress Vintage

WREATH MAKING

13:30-14:30 - FRIDAY ONLY

Join gardener and floral designer Melisa Zulu to learn to make a stunning Christmas Wreath - just 20 spaces available, first come, first served.



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→ St Luke's Homerton

THE LONG TABLE

13:00-14:00 - SATURDAY ONLY

The Long Table team are back, and collaborating with Studio Sunny for the annual Renaissance pay-as-you-can feast. 50 spaces available, first some first-served.



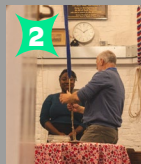
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→ Around the firepit at Sons

CREATIVITY BEHIND BARS

17:30-18:30 - FRIDAY ONLY

Streams & Sons are joined by Joshua Luke Smith, Joel Baker & friends around the fire to eat, talk and share the impact of running workshops in prisons. See website for dinner menu!



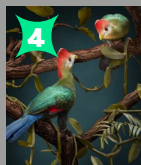
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→ The Tower, Hackney Church

HACKNEY BELLS

13:30 & 17:30 - BOTH DAYS

Learn to ring the ancient Bells of Hackney with the SAINT ringing team - not for the faint hearted. Up the Tower in Hackney Church on both days.



4

→ Reception, Hackney Church House

MEET THE ARTIST

13:30-14:30 - BOTH DAYS

Join artist Matthew Renew for an exclusive look at his latest work, and to discuss the inner life of the artist at work. In Reception in Hackney Church House.



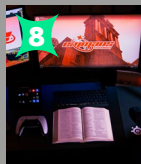
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→ The Walled Garden

FIRE COOKING

13:30-14:30 - FRIDAY ONLY

Join renowned wild baker Tom Herbert & The Long Table team for a fire-cooking masterclass. Roll up your sleeves and learn to cook over an open fire.



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→ The Den, Hackney Church House

EMMAUS GAMING

13:30-14:30 - BOTH DAYS

Unwind, relax, play your favourite games, and learn about the future of digital mission around the world with the Emmaus Gaming team.



10

→ St Augustine's Tower

CLIMB THE TOWER

13:30-14:30 - BOTH DAYS

Visit St Augustine's Tower, the oldest building in Hackney, which celebrates its 750th birthday this year. Learn about its ancient story, and discover its hidden secrets.



12

→ The Hall, Hackney Church House

HOW TO BLOW STUFF UP

17:30-18:30 - FRIDAY ONLY

Join pyrotechnics expert Leon from Exciting Fireworks to learn the art of crafting a professional fireworks display - this is How to Blow Stuff Up (beautifully!), and SPARK your creativity!



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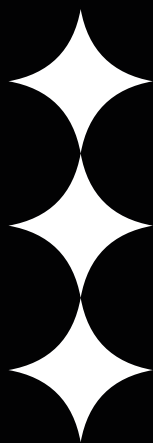
→ The Hall, Hackney Church House

THE PSALMISTS

17:00-18:00 - SATURDAY ONLY

Joshua Luke Smith gathers some of the most ingenious writers of our generation in celebration of words for a life changing poetry pop-up. This is the annual Renaissance poets' salon!

SPARK YOUR CREATIVE SOUL



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