



The Guild of
Mercers' Scholars

**From the Renter Warden and Master-Elect
Dr. John Weeds**

**INSTALLATION DINNER
THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00PM
BUTCHERS' HALL**

It is a great honour to have been elected your Master and am writing to you to invite you to attend the installation dinner at the newly refurbished Butchers' Hall on 7th October 2021 - our first major event since the pandemic.

Butchers' Hall recently re-opened after 4 years and a multi-million pound refurbishment and now counts as one of the very best Livery Halls in the City. Further information on the Hall is available here – <https://www.butchershall.com/>



Proceedings will commence at 7.00 pm with a drinks reception, followed by dinner at 7.30pm.

The dress code is black tie and badges.

MENU

The menu will be as follows:

Starter: Sun blushed tomato and red onion tarte tatin with a rocket and parmesan salad

Main: Whisky braised short rib of beef, pomme puree, roasted shallot, confit savoy and braising liquor

Dessert: Chocolate boîte , hazelnut praline, salted caramel, chocolate cremeux and hazelnut crumb

Dietary requirements can be accounted for so if you are vegan, vegetarian, pescatarian or have allergies then please list this when making your booking. The caterers are very accommodating and will ensure your needs are met.

Our principal guest and speaker will be Victoria Wallace, ex-Director General Of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and currently Under Treasurer and Chief Executive at The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

After taking a degree in law at Exeter University, Victoria Wallace joined the diplomatic service, serving in London, Thailand and Tanzania. In 2000 she was appointed Justices Chief Executive for the Sussex Magistrates' courts, before moving to the Leeds Castle Foundation where she was chief executive for ten years.

Since 2014 she has been the Director General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, leading the global team caring for the fallen of the two World Wars, with a broad portfolio of conservation, public engagement and education. She is just reaching the end of her term as the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Independent Museums and is also a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Kent. She is married with two daughters, and enjoys travel, heritage, and the arts.



I ask you to show your support for the new officers of the Guild by coming along to what promises to be a very good evening.

The cost of the dinner will be **£99.00 per person**, and guests are very welcome. **Concessions are: Apprentices – no charge; Guildmembers under the age of 30 years - £60.**

I hope you agree this as a great opportunity to bring your family and friends to a Guild event, as well as professional colleagues and acquaintances, particularly if you think they may be interested in joining us. All are welcome.

Help us make this a memorable evening!

HOW TO BOOK

Booking is open on our website – www.theguildofmercersscholars.com/events/ and payment can be made on booking.

Payment can also be made by BACS (Name: **Guild of Mercer's Scholars, Sort code: 60-02-30, Account: 65533135**).

Please book as soon as possible and by **Thursday 23rd September at the latest, after which no refunds can be made.**

Once booked, can you please email our Clerk, Biagio, at clerk@theguildofmercersscholars.com to advise him of any dietary requirements and also the names and titles of members of your party for the table place cards.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr John Weeds

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