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MASTER VINTNER 2018/2019

Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley

Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley was elected as the 689th Lord Mayor of the City of London for the year 2016-2017. The principal role of the Lord Mayor is to be an Ambassador for Financial, Professional, Business and Maritime Services for the whole of the UK.

Sir Andrew was born in Manchester and grew up on the Lancashire coast. He was educated at Blackpool Grammar School, the Royal Academy of Music, at Manchester and London Universities and Jesus College, Cambridge. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and Trinity College London, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, an Honorary Fellow and Visiting Professor of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and he holds Honorary Doctorates from City, University of London and Strathclyde University.

Andrew Parmley's career started as Director of Music at Forest School, near Snaresbrook, thence to South Hampstead High School and the Grey Coat Hospital in Westminster and he is, at present, Principal of The Harroddian School in West London. His broad experience in music, education and the creative industries has led to a life spent in teaching, research, examining, adjudicating, writing, composing and editing. His mission for the City is to promote Education, Training and Qualifications across the full spectrum of disciplines, whilst fully supporting the financial, commercial and business City. He is keenly involved in culture and the creative industries.

A large part of the mayoral year is spent travelling on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Trade. During 2016-17 Dr Parmley visited Qatar, Kuwait, Malta, Hong Kong, South Korea, China, Turkey, Estonia, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, the Channel Islands, Mexico, Colombia, Mozambique, Zambia, South Africa and the Republic of Ireland. He also travelled extensively in the UK. With his wife, Wendy, he founded the Transcontinental School Innovation Alliance - an educational charity with interests in the US and India. Andrew is a member of the Prime Minister's Apprenticeship Delivery Board which aims to create three million new apprenticeships over the next five years. As a northerner he champions the Corporation of London's Regional Strategy and spends as much time as possible celebrating the contribution of the British regions to the national economy.

Dr Parmley was elected a Common Councilman for Vintry Ward in 1992 and became its Alderman in 2001. He has served on many of the committees of the Corporation of London and has been Chairman of both the City of London School for Girls and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. He is a Past Master of the Parish Clerks', Musicians' and Glass Sellers' Companies and for over thirty-five years has been Honorary Organist of the church of St James Garlickhythe in Vintry Ward. He is currently the the Upper Warden of the Vintners' Company and a Court Member of the Blacksmiths, Educators, Horners, Joiners & Ceilers and Painter-Stainers, an Honorary Liveryman of the Builders' Merchants, Clockmakers, Constructors, Management Consultants, Security Professionals, Tobacco Pipe Makers and Water Conservators and an Honorary Freeman of the Environmental Cleaners. He is also the sponsoring Alderman for the Guild of Nurses. He is a member of the Royal Society of St George and the United Wards Club, joint Patron of the Vintry and Dowgate Wards Club and Honorary President of the Guild of Young Freemen.

Beyond the City, Andrew is Past Chairman of the Montessori St Nicholas Charity and a supporter of many other charities and is the International Ambassador for the London Symphony Orchestra, Patron of the English Chamber Choir, the Jonas Foundation (Geneva), the London Docklands Singers, the Marcel Ensemble, the Thames Chamber Choir and the London Youth Choir and he is a Trustee of the Blackpool Museum of Entertainment.

Dr Parmley is married to Wendy, Master Information Technologist from October 2018, an educational consultant and former Principal of a South London Technology College. He was knighted in the 2018 new year's honours list for services to music, education and civic engagement.