

**Lancelot Andrewes** (1555-1626), born in the parish of All Hallows, Barking, he was a scholar at the Coopers' Free School in Ratcliff. Whilst at Coopers he came under the influence of school master Thomas Ward who played a pivotal role in young Lancelot's life. He went on to study at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and in 1580 was ordained, quickly progressing to higher offices within the church. He shone as a scholar and was said to be fluent in fifteen ancient and modern languages; Andrewes was soon noticed in royal circles by Queen Elizabeth's Chief Minister and spymaster Francis Walsingham leading to him becoming her Chaplain in Ordinary. Upon her death in 1603 Lancelot



Andrewes preached the sermon at her funeral, and then went on to participate in the coronation of King James I. Under the new King his rise in the church was rapid: in 1605 he was made Bishop of Chichester and Lord High Almoner. In 1609 he became Bishop of Ely and in 1619 Bishop of Winchester and Dean of the Royal Chapel. He narrowly missed becoming Archbishop of Canterbury. Upon his death seven years later he was buried in what is now Southwark Cathedral.



LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE BY THE MASTER OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOPERS



Amongst his many ecclesiastical achievements Bishop Andrewes oversaw the translation of the King James version of the Bible and, following the unsuccessful attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605, Lancelot was asked to prepare a sermon to be presented to the King. In his sermon he justified the need to commemorate the deliverance of The King and Country: to 'always remember the fifth of November!' He defined the celebrations which became the foundations of events that continue some 400 years later. Lancelot Andrewes remained a close confidant of the King and accompanied him on his Scottish mission to persuade the Scots that it was preferable to pay more attention to rituals like the Holy Communion through an Episcopalian approach and move away from the heavy sermons of Presbyterianism. Liverymen might be interested to know that on Saturday 14 January 1933 during the building of the Bishop Andrewes' Church in St Helier, Morden, the foundation stone was laid by the then Master of the Company, Harold Griffin JP, Great Grandfather of Liveryman and Society President Celia Campbell and Liveryman and Past President of the Society, Sharon Ashby. The above trowel was presented to him as a commemoration of the event. In June of that year the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Southwark with the company and school playing their part in the service.