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Refuge, Science, Faith: Discovering London's 18th-Century Germans

Discover the stories, sights, and sounds
of early 18th-century London's forgotten German community!

You will hear **lightning talks** from Dr Anna Linton and Dr Thomas Biskup, explore a self-guided **exhibition of rarely seen historical oil paintings, archival documents, and liturgical silverware**, and enjoy an atmospheric **organ recital**.

Get to know this little-known migrant-community through the life of Georg Andreas Ruperti, Lutheran minister at St Mary's and Court Preacher at St James's Palace. Discover how he connected English and German communities, bridged science and faith in his botanical research, and led relief efforts during the 1709–10 "Palatine" refugee crisis, when thousands of German migrants were housed in camps in Blackheath and elsewhere across London.

Renowned organist Richard Brasier closes the event with tunes heard at St Mary's around the year 1700, transporting you straight into Ruperti's world.

This is a rare chance to experience history through art, words, and music, and to encounter a remarkable migrant community whose story still resonates today!

Date: 9th November 2025, 3–5pm

Timings: Talks 3pm | Exhibition 3:45–5pm | Organ Recital 4:30pm

Venue: St Mary's German Lutheran Church,
10 Sandwich Street, London WC1H 9PL

For detailed programme information and to book a ticket,
please scan the QR code

