



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Angels

### Welcome to *CityThemes*

By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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### Enjoy Your Explorations

*(There is a separate leaflet for Angels in Places of Religion (No.18))*

### **Tate Modern**

25 Sumner Street, SE1  
020 7887 8000/ 020 7887 8008 (Information line)  
www.tate.org.uk

transport: Southwark & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge & Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 344,381; boat Bankside Pier; catamaran boat service 'Tate to Tate' between Tate & Tate Modern via London Eye (40 mins, charge made)

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; Café Level 2, Espresso Bar Level 4, Café Level 7; gift and bookshops; tours*

opening: Sun-Thur 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Fri-Sat 10.00-22.00 (last admission 21.15)  
admission free, donations are welcome

*there are four sculptures of Sir Jacob Epstein (1880-1959) in this art gallery including 'Jacob and the Angel' worked in alabaster*

### **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345, C1

facilities: *disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00  
admission free

*sculptures include 'The Fallen Angel' in bronze by Rodin while a wood carving of 1500 has a kneeling angel designed as an altar candlestick*

### **Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey)**

Old Bailey, EC4  
020 7248 3277

transport: St Paul's u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,56,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-13.00,14.00-16.00

*allegorical figures of Truth, Justice and the Recording Angel, with the inscription 'Defend the children of the poor and punish the wrongdoer' can be found over the main entrance to the Courts*

### **Bug Bar**

Brixton Hill, Brixton, SW2  
020 7738 3184

transport: Brixton u/g & rail; buses 35,37,45,59,109,118, 133,159,250,P5

opening: Mon-Thur 07.00-01.00, Fri-Sat 07.00-03.00, Sun 07.00-02.00

*this pub has knick-knacks and angelic frescoes in the lounge bar*

### **National Gallery**

Trafalgar Square, WC2N  
020 7747 2885 www.nationalgallery.org.uk

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

facilities: *gallery soundtrack in 5 languages; tape guide for visually-impaired; sign language tours; large print labels; disabled access (wheelchairs on request); disabled wcs; library by arrangement; restaurant & snacks; bookshop; tours (daily 11.30 & 14.30 plus 18.30 Weds)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00 Weds 10.00-20.00

admission free

*among the six paintings in the Gallery either by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) or his associates is one entitled 'Angel in Red with Lute' dating from 1490*

### **Boston Manor House**

Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8  
020 8583 4463 www.cip.org.uk/heritage/boston

transport: Boston Manor u/g, Brentford rail; buses E2,E8, H91

opening: Apr-Oct Sat-Sun 14.30-17.00 CLOSED APRIL 2004 (enquire 0846 456 2800)  
admission free

*the original Jacobean mantelpiece has a biblical scene from the Old Testament of the Angel stopping Abraham from sacrificing Isaac*

### **Lancaster House**

Stable Yard Road, Green Park, SW1

transport: Green Park & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2, 8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

opening: usually by invitation only as this lovely house is used by the government and diplomatic service for conferences and entertaining heads of state, politicians and other celebrities. If you do have the chance to see inside you will find very beautiful, richly decorated historic rooms - make the most of the opportunity!

*among the lovely ceilings in this 1820's house, that in the State Drawing Room shows St Grisogonos being borne to heaven by angels. By Guercino it is based on the painting in the church at Trastevere in Rome*

### **Westminster Hall**

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, SW1  
020 7344 9966

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

opening: tours to the Houses of Parliament include Westminster Hall. Phone the number above for details

*built in 1394 and surviving fires and wars, this Hall is one of the finest and largest medieval halls in Europe. It has a magnificent hammerbeam roof rising to 90 feet at the crest and the supporting beams are carved with flying angels*

### **Museum of London**

150 London Wall, EC2Y  
020 7600 0807 www.museumoflondon.org.uk

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

facilities: *audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)  
admission free

*amongst the collection of Celtic, Saxon and Tudor coins are seven 'angel' gold coins of King Henry VIII. They show the archangel St Michael defeating the Devil*

### **London County Council School Memorial**

Poplar Recreation Ground, between Hale Street and Woodstock Terrace, E14

transport: All Saints & Poplar DLR; buses 15,D6

*standing in this recreation ground is a 1919 Sicilian marble and Aberdeen granite gothic obelisk topped with an angel. It is a memorial to the 18 5-year old children of*

*a nearby school that were killed by a bomb in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War (1917)*

### **Houses of Parliament**

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1  
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)  
www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,  
88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier  
facilities: *Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance  
(020 7344 9966)*

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-  
22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in  
House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00,  
Fri from 11.00

*Westminster Hall was built in 1099 and its carved  
hammerbeam roof complete with angels was added by  
King Richard II in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Hall somehow  
managed to survive a disastrous fire of 1834 and is now  
used for lying in state of members of the Royal Family. It  
is only accessible on guided tours of the Houses of  
Parliament*

### **Eros**

Piccadilly Circus, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,  
19,22,23,38,53,88,94,139,159

*this famous memorial sstanding in the centre of Piccadilly  
Circus was the first aluminium statue and was made in  
1893 by Sir Alfred Gilbert. Although known as Eros, the  
winged archer of love, it was intended to represent the  
Angel of Christian Charity. It was erected as a memorial  
to Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Shaftesbury (1801-  
85), the philanthropist and social reformer. Disappearing  
for some time for much needed repairs it was reinstalled  
in1993*

### **Albert Memorial**

Kensington Gardens, opposite the Royal Albert Hall, SW7  
020 7495 0916/5504

transport: South Kensington, High Street Kensington &  
Knightsbridge u/g;buses 9,10,49,52,70

opening: can be seen at all times but tours take place on  
Suns at 14.00 & 15.00. Advance booking advisable. Other  
times by arrangement with Albert Memorial Tours tel: 020  
7495 0916

*this magnificent monument to Prince Albert, husband of  
Queen Victoria, is topped with bronze pillars with  
allegorical figures representing astronomy, chemistry,  
geology and geometry. Above the top spires stand eight  
gilt bronze angels. Tours beyond the railings give you an  
opportunity to see the frieze close-up, hear the story and  
learn about the restoration work*

### **Break the Wall of Distrust**

108 Cannon Street, EC4

transport: Mansion House & Monument u/g, Cannon  
Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,76,242

*this 1990 sculpture is a doorway of tumbling blocks  
topped by a lintel with two flying angels holding a wreath  
halo. In front is a faceted crucifix and a standing male  
nude with drapes. It is by Zurab Tzereteli, a people's  
artist of the former USSR*

### **Angel Musician**

Thomas More Square, E1

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch  
Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium &  
St Katharines Piers

*a 1991 metaphor for the 'joyous link between man and  
God' this sculpture is by the Swedish artist C W E Milles*

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