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## Angels in Places of Religion

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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

## Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1  
020 7222 5152 [www.westminster-abbey.org](http://www.westminster-abbey.org)  
transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo U/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier  
facilities: *audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00, 11.00, 12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00, 11.00, 14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00, 11.00, 12.30)*  
opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45, last admission 15.45; Sat 09.00-14.45, last admission 13.45; closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar  
admission charge

*stained glass in the apse of the chapel dedicated to the Royal Air Force shows airmen of 68 Fighter Squadrons and angels in the Battle of Britain (1940). The window with its fighter squadron badges has four panels symbolising the Resurrection - a squadron leader before the Virgin Mary, a Sergeant Pilot before the Crucifixion, a Pilot Officer representing the Resurrection and a Seraphim with six wings and outstretched hands*

*among the stained glass in the Nave is an 1888 memorial to the engineer Richard Trevithick and includes figures of Cornish saints and angels holding scrolls with drawings of his designs and inventions including an 1808 locomotive the South Transept has two medieval carvings of angels above the arches and a Rose Window of 1902 showing Christ in the centre encircled by sixteen figures of the Virtues and Orders of Angels. The outer circle has thirty-two figures representing the preparation of the world for Christ*

## Museum of Garden History (formerly St Mary-at-Lambeth)

Lambeth Palace Road, Lambeth, SE1 7  
020 7401 8865 [www.museumgardenhistory.org](http://www.museumgardenhistory.org)  
transport: Lambeth North u/g, Victoria, Waterloo & Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 3,77,344,C10  
facilities: *disabled access; light lunches & teas; shop for seeds & plants, books, prints; tours*  
opening: daily Mar-Dec 10.30-17.00  
admission free  
*angels bearing the shields of benefactors are carved on each corbel of the ceiling*

## All Souls, Langham Place

Langham Place, Regent Street, W1  
020 7580 3522  
transport: Oxford Circus, Great Portland Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 3,7,8,10,25,53,55,73,88,139,189,C2  
opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-18.00, Sun 09.00-20.30  
*the circular portico of Ionic columns has winged angels between the capitals*

## St Lawrence Jewry

Gresham Street, EC2  
020 7600 9478  
transport: Bank & St Pauls u/g; buses 8,56,76,100,133,172,242  
opening: Mon-Fri 07.30-14.00  
*the reredos is embellished with pediments and angels with trumpets. The modern painting depicts the events leading to the martyrdom of St Lawrence. The original painting of the martyrdom is in the Vestry*

## St Benet's Paul's Wharf (now Metropolitan Welsh Church)

Paul's Wharf, St Benet's Hill, Upper Thames Street, EC4  
020 7489 8754  
transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172  
opening: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in the month 11.00-15.30; Sunday for services only 11.00 & 14.30 (Welsh-language service)  
*the altar has angels as legs and the figure of Charity on the stretcher. The top is of inlaid woods with cherubs' heads at the corners & text along the edge. It was made in Belgium in 1660*

## Guy's Hospital Chapel

St Thomas' Street, SE1  
020 7955 4591  
transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,48,133,149,343,381  
opening: daily  
*Victorian mosaic panels of saints and angels can be found on the north and south walls of the Chapel*

## St Olave's

8 Hart Street, EC3  
020 7488 4318  
transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium Pier  
opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00  
*the Vestry has a stucco ceiling with panelling and an angel in a central oval. It dates from 1662*

## St Margaret's

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1  
020 7222 6382  
transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211 boat: Westminster Millennium Pier  
opening: Mon-Sat 09.30-17.30, Sun 13.00-17.30  
admission free  
*angels with shields have been placed in the springing joints of the arches*

## St Marylebone

Marylebone Road, NW1  
020 7935 7315  
transport: Baker Street u/g; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274  
facilities: *café in crypt*  
opening: Mon 12.30-13.30, Sun & Wed for services  
*mahogany choir stalls are carved with angels, harps and trumpets*

## Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Savoy Place, Strand, WC2  
transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers  
opening: Tue-Fri 11.30-15.30  
*stained glass window dedicated to Richard D'Oyly Carte shows a procession of angelic musicians*

## St Mary Abchurch

Abchurch Lane, Cannon Street, EC4  
020 7626 0306

transport: Monument & Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,133

opening: Mon-Thur 10.30-15.00, Fri 10.30-noon

*the painted domed ceiling shows female figures representing the Christian virtues seated with shells between them. In the centre is the Hebrew name for God surrounded by rays of glory, a worshipping chorus of angels and cherubs, clouds and garlands. It is by William Snow*

### **St Michaels Cornhill**

St Michael's Alley, Cornhill, EC3  
020 7248 3826

transport: Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8, 11,26,35,47,48,76,133,149,242,344

opening: Mon-Fri 08.30-17.00

*there are carved wooden winged angels below the Chancel bracket*

### **St Botolph-without-Aldgate**

Aldgate High Street, EC3  
020 7283 1670

transport: Aldgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,40,42,67,78,100,253

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-15.00

*the coved ceiling has a plasterwork frieze of standing angels and shields linked with leafy garlands, by John Francis Bentley 1889. A winged angel also appears on the gate of the gilt wrought-iron altar rails. There is an interesting three-panelled batik reredos. The centre panel shows the Tree of Life with the River of Life flowing from its roots. Side panels have on one side an angel guarding the Gate and holding Alpha & Omega, and on the other, the beginning and end of Creation; by Thetis Blacker 1982*

### **St Bartholomew-the-Great**

Cloth Fair, West Smithfield, EC1  
020 7606 5171

transport: Barbican & St Paul's u/g, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,25,56,242

opening: Tue-Fri 08.30-17.00, Sat 10.30-13.30, Sun 08.00-13.00, 14.20-20.00

*The 1765 George England organ is surmounted by an angel. Among the fine monuments the 15<sup>th</sup> century one to Rahere shows a recumbent figure under a canopy with an angel at the feet and two canons kneeling and reading*

### **St Mary's New Church, Stoke Newington**

Stoke Newington Church Street, N16  
020 7254 6072

transport: Stoke Newington rail; buses 67,73,76,149,243

*the font has four short columns at the corners supporting winged angels, and a large central column*

### **St Mary's**

St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe, SE16  
020 7231 2465

transport: Rotherhithe & Canada Water u/g; buses 1,47, 188,199,255,381

opening: Mon-Thur 07.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 08.00-18.00

*the organ of 1764 is adorned with musical instruments and angels blowing trumpets*

### **Putney Vale Cemetery**

Kingston Road, Putney, SW15

transport: East Putney u/g, Putney rail; buses 72,85,265

*several Victorian angels can be found in the Garden of Remembrance*

### **St Mary Magdalene, Paddington**

Rowington Close, Westbourne Green, W2  
020 7289 1818

transport: Warwick Avenue & Royal Oak u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,46,187

*angels, carved by Thomas Earp (1828-1893) are carved between the windows of one of the arcades. Thomas Earp's best known work is the Eleanor Cross at Charing Cross, London*

### **St Anne and St Agnes Lutheran**

Gresham Street, EC2  
020 7606 4986

transport: St Paul's & Bank u/g; buses 8,25,56,100,172, 242

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-18.00 Sun 09.00-20.00. Services in Swahili 1<sup>st</sup> Sun in month (14.00), in Estonian on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun (14.30), in Latvian 4<sup>th</sup> Sun (14.30)

*the brass lectern has an angel supporting the reading shelf while one carved doorcase (1682-3) shows a gilded angel and another the figure of Father Time with gilded wings, sickle and hourglass*

### **St John the Evangelist**

Hyde Park Crescent, Bayswater, W2

transport: Marble Arch, & Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,27,36,94,98

*a modern stained glass window depicts St Michael the Archangel; by Bronson Shaw of Southwark*

### **St Giles-in-the-Fields**

St Giles High Street, WC2  
020 7240 2532

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,8,10,14, 19,24,25,29,38,55,73,98,134,176,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.00

*a bronze memorial to John Flaxman depicts a figure battling devils and helped by angels. This is a cast of one of Flaxman's own works to be found in Micheldever Church, Hampshire*

### **St Luke's**

185 Charlton Church Lane, Charlton Village, SE7  
020 8858 8175

transport: Charlton rail; buses 53,54,380,422,486

opening: Tue, Thur 10.00-14.00, Sat 10.00-noon

*the organ case has a trumpeting angel and gilt cherubs' heads*

### **St Nicholas's**

Plumstead High Street, Plumstead, SE18  
020 8317 1025

transport: Plumstead rail; buses 96,99,122,177,180, 422,469

*kneeling angels are carved on the choir stalls*

### **St Edmund, King and Martyr**

Lombard Street, EC3  
020 7623 6970

transport: Bank u/g, Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48, 76,133,149,242,344

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

*the stain glass east window was originally made for St Paul's Cathedral but was not installed there because there was too much objection to the angels being coloured red!!*

### **St Margaret Pattens**

Rood Lane, Eastcheap, EC3  
020 7623 6630

transport: Monument u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,35,40,47,48,133,149,344

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

*the reredos has a 17<sup>th</sup> century painting of Christ and angels in the Garden of Gethsemane; by Caro Maratti*

### **Christ Church, Isle of Dogs**

Manchester Road & Glenaffric Avenue, E14  
020 7987 1915

transport: Island Gardens DLR; buses D3,D7

*the 1906 mural covering the Chancel arch is of Christ in Glory Adored by Angels by J R Spencer-Stanhope and F A Jackson*

### **St Mark's**

Hamilton Terrace, NW8

transport: Maida Vale u/g; buses 16,46,98,139,187,189

*the ceiling painting above the Sanctuary shows angels*

### **St Mark's, Dalston**

Sandringham Road, E8

transport: Dalston Kingsland rail; buses 30,38,56,67,76,149,243,277

*stained glass panels of blue sky and golden angels are set into the spandrels of the nave roof above the Transept*

### **Nunhead Cemetery**

Linden Grove, SE15

transport: Nunhead rail; buses 343,484,P12

*a Victorian cemetery with a Gothic chapel, ruined lodges and over 100 ivy-covered angels*

### **Corpus Christi**

Maiden Lane, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

*the front altar face in the Sacred Heart and Lady Chapel has stone carved angels over the tabernacle*

### **All Hallows by the Tower Church and Undercroft**

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R

020 7481 2928 [www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk](http://www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk)

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

*facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); shop; group tours by arrangement. Queen Mother Centre has herb garden*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00

free admission to church

*a memorial window to the crew of the steamship Samkey that went missing in January 1948 shows a sailing ship with three crewmen and an angel above over it.*

*elsewhere in the Church two reliefs show the Virgin and Child with angels, and the visitation of the angels to Mary*

### **St James the Less**

Sussex Gardens, Bayswater, W2

020 7262 9976

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,12,15,23,27,36,94

*this 1882 rebuilt church has a Perpendicular-style nave with dark wood bosses and arches of pinkish marble. Angels holding shields and emblems decorate the ceiling*

### **St Stephen's**

Rochester Row, SW1

020 7834 0950

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 11,24,211

*a memorial to the philanthropist Baroness Burdett-Coutts depicts her as an angel carrying a model of the church. Shields show the coats of arms of both her and her father, Sir Francis Burdett*

### **St Paul's, Knightsbridge**

Wilton Place, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52,74,137,414

*the rood screen and reredos were carved in 1892 carved by G F Bodley. They show Christ with four of the Apostles and two towers with angels, seraphim & further saints. Angels are also carved on the stanchions of the walls above the gallery*

### **Middlesex Hospital Chapel**

west wing of Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, W1

020 7636 8333 (hospital)

transport: Goodge Street u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134,390

opening: open at all times as inside hospital

*this small hospital chapel has stained glass showing the glorified Christ being adored by the sick and angels. Other windows show Saint Joan, Saint George, Saint Alban and St Martin*

### **Croydon Parish Church of St John the Baptist**

Church Street, Croydon, Surrey

transport: West Croydon rail; Croydon tramlink; buses 64,109,154,166,194,198,250,264,289,367,403,405,412,450,494

opening: Mon-Wed, Fri 10.00-16.00, Sat 10.00-20.00

*dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century this church was rebuilt in 1867 by Sir Gilbert Scott. It is the burial place of six Archbishops of Canterbury and the nave and chancel timber roof is supported by angel corbels some of whom hold musical instruments*

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