



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Bibles**

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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**

## **examples of early Bibles and monuments to those associated with them**

### **British Library**

96 Euston Road, NW1  
020 7412 7332

www.bl.uk

transport: King's Cross, St Pancras & Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,30,73,91

facilities: disabled access & wcs; refreshments; shop; tours (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun 15.00; Sat 10.30 & 15.00; a charge is made)

opening: Mon, Wed, Fri 09.30-18.00; Tue 09.30-20.00; Sat 09.30-17.00; Sun 11.00-17.00

admission free to Exhibition Galleries; a reader's pass is required for the reading rooms (phone library for details)

*the British national library was opened in 1998 and has one of the richest collections of books and related materials in the world. The use of advanced technology enables visitors to turn rare book pages. In the John Riblat Gallery are examples of early printing including the Gutenberg 42-line Bible (1454-55) and Fevres History of Troy printed by Caxton in 1473*

### **Lambeth Palace Library**

Lambeth Palace Road, Lambeth, SE1

020 7928 6222 www.lambethpalacelibrary.org

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,77,344,C10

facilities: sales desk

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

admission: by prior arrangement

*the library stock includes the Lambeth Bible of 1150*

### **National Art Library**

Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7938 8315

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

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; refreshments and shop in main Museum; tours by arrangement

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00

admission free

*Luther's 1583 translation of the Bible can be seen in the library. A reader's ticket is required so please ring the library for details*

### **Oliver Cromwell**

St Margaret's Street, Westminster, SW1

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

*this statue of 1899 by Sir William Hamo Thornycroft shows the parliamentarian Cromwell (1599-1658) bareheaded holding a bible and a sword. Cromwell led the New Model Army against King Charles 1 in 1642. After the execution of the king in 1649 the Commonwealth was established with Cromwell as Chairman of the Council of State. In 1653 he set up the Protectorate and reorganised the national church establishing Puritanism. He died in 1658 and the monarchy was restored in 1660*

### **National Maritime Museum**

Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10

020 8858 4422 www.nmm.ac.uk

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

facilities: disabled access to all levels & galleries; Caird Library (open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.45 by arrangement 020 8312 6607); restaurant; bookshop; tours by arrangement

opening: daily 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.30)

admission free

*there is an interesting collection of memorabilia of the life and battles of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) that includes his Bible, grog jug and the uniform he was wearing during the Battle of Trafalgar*

### **William Tyndale**

Victoria Embankment Gardens between Horse Guards Avenue and Embankment Station, SW1

transport: Westminster & Embankment u/g; buses 3,11, 12,24,53,77A,88,159

*this statue commemorates William Tyndale (1484-1536), translator of the Bible into English; by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm, 1884*

### **St Dunstan-in-the-West**

Fleet Street, EC4

020 7248 6233

transport: Temple u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11, 15,26,45,63,76,100,172,341

opening: Tue & Fri 09.30-15.00

*a memorial head of William Tyndale (1484-1536), translator of the Bible into English, can be found in the church. Tyndale was a curate at the church prior to 1524*

### **St Katharine Cree**

86 Leadenhall Street, EC3

020 7283 5733

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,47,48,149,242,344

opening: church Mon-Fri 10.30-16.00

*a 1879 stained glass window symbolises the Flower Sermon which was preached especially to appeal to children. The window shows Christ and little children and includes many of the flowers mentioned in Bible*

### **Joiners and Ceilers Company**

8 West Heath Road, SE2

transport: Abbey Heath rail; buses 422,B11

*this City of London Livery Company has a copy of a Breeches Bible dated 1578 and rebound 1901. A Breeches Bible (or Geneva Bible) got its name from the translation of Genesis 3.7 where it refers to Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together "and made themselves breeches"*

### **All Hallows by The Tower and Undercroft**

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R

020 7481 2928 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); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre

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

free admission to church

*on display at the back of the Church is a breeches bible of 1560 that was repaired and rebound in 1960. A Breeches Bible (or Geneva Bible) got its name from the translation of Genesis 3.7 where it refers to Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together "and made themselves breeches". It was presented by the Royal Naval Minewatching Service to commemorate the Service's association with the Church*

## Bunhill Fields

City Road, EC1Y

020 8472 3584 to view fenced-off graves

transport: Old Street u/g & rail; buses 55,76,141,214, 243,271

opening: Apr-Sept weekdays 07.30-19.00, weekends 09.30-16.00; Oct-Mar weekdays 07.30-16.00, weekends 09.30-16.00

admission free. To view the graves in the fenced-off part contact the attendant on duty or telephone 020 8472 3584 to make an appointment

*used for burials between 1685 and 1852 this non-conformist & dissenters cemetery has several interesting graves including that of Joseph Hardcastle, a City of London merchant, Founder of the British and Foreign Bible Society and First Treasurer of the London Missionary Society*

## Thomas Guy

Guy's Hospital, St Thomas' Street, SE1

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43, 48,133,149,343,381

*a statue by Peter Scheemakers to the bookseller and printer of bibles, Guy Thomas (1644-1724). Amassing a fortune through printing and South Sea Bubble speculation he became a patron of medical institutions establishing wards at St Thomas's Hospital and, in 1722, founding Guy's Hospital. He is buried in the hospital chapel*

## Chelsea Old Church (All Saint's)

Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, SW3

020 7352 5627 [www.domini.org/chelsea-old-church](http://www.domini.org/chelsea-old-church)

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 19,49,239,319,345

opening: Tue-Fri 13.30-17.30, Sun 08.00-13.00, 14.00-19.00

*on display are a chained Vinegar Bible (1717), Foxe's Book of Martyrs (2 vols 1684), a Prayer Book (1723) and Homilies (1683). No other London church holds copies of these publications*

## St Magnus the Martyr

Lower Thames Street, EC3

020 7626 4481

transport: Monument u/g; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133, 149

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-16.00, Sun 10.00-14.00

*Miles Coverdale, translator of the Bible into English, was Rector of this Church between 1564 and 1566*

## General Charles George Gordon

near the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1

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

*this statue of 1887 'Chinese Gordon' (1833-85) shows him with a cane under his arm and a bible in his hand. Having fought in the Crimean War (1855-6) he then crushed the Taiping Rebellion in China in 1860 (that's where he got his nickname). In 1884 he was besieged at Khartoum for 10 months by the Mahdi's troops and died two days before the relief force arrived*

## St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4

020 7263 4128

[www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk)

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11, 15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier

*facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun)*

opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat admission charge includes entry to galleries

*a 16<sup>th</sup> century breeches bible is kept in the north aisle Crypt*

## St Mary's, Rotherhithe

St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe, SE16

020 7231 2465

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

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

*two statues of charity school children stand above the door of 18<sup>th</sup> century Amicable School House (Charity School) that stands opposite the church. The boy wears distinctive orange stockings, the girl has a white apron. Both hold bibles*

## Important Collection Outside the London Area

### John Rylands University Library

Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PP

0161 275 3738

[rylibweb.man.ac.uk](http://rylibweb.man.ac.uk)

*this Bible Collection of 10,000 items is of major importance for biblical scholarship. It includes bibles in more than 400 different languages and dialects published over nearly five centuries. There is an early edition of the Gutenberg Bible (c.1455) and a 36-line Bamberg bible (1458-60). Well worth a visit if you wish to study the bible and its printing, and if you are planning a visit to Manchester. Please telephone the Library for details of opening*

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