



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Pelicans

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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

### **St James's Park, SW1**

020 7930 1793 [www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm)

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,211

opening: daily 05.00-midnight; band performances Sat-Sun to end Aug 15.00-16.30 & 1800-19.30

*the lake has a colony of pelicans which were introduced into the park in King Charles II's reign as a gift from the Russian ambassador*

### **St James's**

197 Piccadilly, W1

020 7734 4511 [www.st-james-piccadilly.org](http://www.st-james-piccadilly.org)

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

facilities: *Aroma café (Mon-Sat 08.00-19.00, Sun 10.00-19.00)*

opening: church: daily; market Tue 10.00-18.00 (antiques), Wed-Sat 10.00-18.00 (crafts only)

*among the stained glass windows of scenes from Christ's life & passion by the artist Christopher Webb (1886-1966) is one showing a pelican feeding her young with her own blood. This same symbol of Christ's sacrifice for mankind can be seen in the limewood carving by Grinling Gibbons behind the altar.*

### **All Saints**

7 Margaret Street, W1

020 7636 1788

transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159,176,189,C2

opening: daily 07.00-19.00

*the Baptistry has frescoes of incised inlays and marble roundels and includes a pelican in the roof space*

### **St Clement Danes**

Strand, WC2

020 7242 8282

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: daily 08.30-16.30

*above the altar on the reredos is a symbol of Christ's sacrifice: the pelican feeding young on her own blood*

### **St Martin-within-Ludgate**

Ludgate Hill, EC4

020 7248 6054

transport: St Pauls u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-15.00

*a pelican in white marble can be found below the organ gallery*

### **Southwark Cathedral**

Montague Close, Borough High Street, SE1

020 7367 6700 [www.dswark.org.uk](http://www.dswark.org.uk)

transport: Southwark u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,381; boat Bankside & London Bridge City Piers

facilities: *audio guide*

opening: daily 08.00-18.00

admission charge for special exhibitions

*a wooden boss from the original ceiling shows a pelican drawing blood from her breast to feed her young*

### **Westminster Cathedral**

Victoria Street, SW1

020 7798 9055

transport: Victoria & St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,26,76,211

facilities: *gift shop (Mon-Fri 09.30-17.15, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.45)*

opening: daily: church April-Oct 07.00-20.00; Nov-Mar 07.00-19.00; campanile 09.00-17.00

admission: free to church; there is a charge for the lift up the campanile

*a pelican can be seen above the grille in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament*

### **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 symbol of the pelican (gilded) appears on the limewood reredos which has carved columns, a segmental pediment, urns emitting fire and trails of fruit and flowers. The woodcarving is by Grinling Gibbons. There are also two carved doorcases with fluted pilasters, garlands, urns & a copper pelican and nest*

### **St Michaels Cornhill**

St Michael's Alley, 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

*a woodcarving of 1775 shows a pelican feeding her young*

### **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

*the carved reredos of four Corinthian columns, entablature & pediment shows the pelican, the symbol of Christ's sacrifice for mankind*

### **Blackfriars Bridge, EC4/SE1**

transport: Blackfriars & Southwark u/g; buses 45,63,100,381

*built in the 1860s this bridge has abutments looking like pulpits & buttress piers resting on art nouveau pelicans*

### **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

*the altar-piece has a central framed panel with the Ten Commandments & a scrolled pediment surmounted by a pelican. The two side panels are of Moses and Aaron and are by Francisco Vieira, court painter to the King of Portugal*

### **All Hallows, North Twickenham**

Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex

transport: Twickenham rail; bus 281

*17<sup>th</sup> century reredos with pediments bearing the symbols of sacrifice (the lamb and pelican)*

## **London Zoological Gardens Collection**

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

020 7722 3333

[www.londonzoo.co.uk/www.zsl.org](http://www.londonzoo.co.uk/www.zsl.org)

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g;  
buses 18,27,30,274,C2; waterbus Camden Lock, Little  
Venice & The Zoo (020 7482 2550)

*facilities: large print guide; disabled access & wcs;  
parking and pay & display; 4 restaurants and cafes*

opening: daily Mar-Sept 10.00-17.30 (last admission  
16.30); Oct-Feb 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.00)  
admission charge

*this 36 acre zoo dedicated to the conservation of and  
education about rare breeds has collections of pelicans,  
penguins, water birds, owls, cranes, parrots and tropical &  
African birds. Lord Snowdon's free-flight aviary (built  
1965) is a tetrahedral aluminium-framed tent that  
contains 150 different types of bird during the summer.  
The birds can be seen from an elevated walkway*

## **Brompton Oratory (Oratory of St Philip Neri)**

Brompton Road, SW7

020 7808 0900

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,414,C1

opening: daily 07.00-20.00

*built between 1880 and 1884 this was the first new  
Catholic church in London after the Reformation. It has  
the third widest nave in Britain after Westminster Abbey &  
York Minster and is of High Baroque (Italian Mannerist)  
style with side aisles decorated with gold, Siena marble &  
Venetian mosaics. A carved pelican can be found on the  
wooden tabernacle door near the altar of St Wilfrid.*

*The Oratory is well-known for its music and solemn  
masses sung in Latin*

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