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Pulpits in the City of London

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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

All Hallows by the Tower

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 Pier

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

the pulpit by Christopher Wren has garlands and segmental pediments supported on a slender stem staircase with delicately-turned balusters

Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Centre

49 City Road, EC1Y
020 7253 2262

transport: Old Street u/g (Exit 4), Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 55,76,141, 214,243,271

facilities: *audio guide and hearing loop; disabled access to ground floor of house & chapel; snacks by prior arrangement; shop for gifts & publications; tours on request. Also provided: 1½ hour tours round the parts of London associated with John Wesley. 13.30*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-16.00, Sun noon-14.00, closed Thur between 12.45-13.30
admission charge for museum, chapel & house. The ticket may be used for 1 month for return visits. Admission to the Chapel only is free.

this Chapel and the adjoining house were built in 1778, rebuilt in the 19th century and restored in 1978. The pulpit and font are from the original building. The House was the home for 11 years of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and is now a museum devoted to the history of Methodism

Viaduct Tavern

126 Newgate Street, EC1
020 7606 8476

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

this pub is an original Victorian gin palace with beaten metal ceiling and manager's office looking like a church pulpit

St Stephen's

Walbrook, EC4
020 7283 4444

transport: Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8, 11,26,76,133,242

opening: Mon-Thur 10.00-16.00, Fri 10.00-15.00
the organ gallery & case, pulpit and reredos are in dark, carved wood and are by William Newman

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: 1st Monday in the month 11.00-15.30; Sunday for services only 11.00 & 14.30 (Welsh-language service)
a carved hexagonal pulpit. Some panels bear the royal cypher of 1683 and are very finely carved

St Mary Aldermary

Watling Street, EC4
020 7248 4906

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon, Thur 11.00-15.00

a Wren-period pulpit - hexagonal and carved with panels, cherubs' heads, fruit and flowers

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 Hill Pier

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

a 17th century woodcarved pulpit, communion rails and swordrests

St Mary Abchurch

Abchurch Lane, Cannon Street, EC4
020 7626 0306

transport: Monument & Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,15,26,76,133,242

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

a pulpit of 1685 with steps, made by a Wren craftsman, William Gray

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (Cole Abbey Presbyterian)

114 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
020 7248 5213

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

opening: Tue-Thur noon-14.00

the woodcarved screen, doorcases, font cover and pulpit are attributed to Grinling Gibbons

St Michael Paternoster Royal

College Hill, EC4
020 7248 5202

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street rail; buses 8,11,26,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

woodcarved altar, pulpit, lectern and doorcases

St Bartholomew-the-Less

West Smithfield, EC1
020 7601 8066

transport: St Paul's & Barbican u/g, City Thameslink & Farringdon rail; buses 8,25,45,56,63,172,242

opening: daily 07.00-20.00

the octagonal pulpit is of brown marble and has a carving of St Bartholomew on it

St Margaret's Lothbury, EC2

020 7606 8330

transport: Bank, St Pauls & Moorgate u/g; buses 8,56,76, 100,133,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.15-17.15

a hexagonal pulpit with tester and carved putti, birds, fruit and flowers

St Michael's 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

woodcarved by William Gibbs Roger

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

dated 1745, it has inlaid panels with symbolic designs

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 pine woodcarving can be seen on the organ case, font cover, pews, reredos & side altars, pulpit and the Lord Mayor's seat. The pulpit is 17th century with a tester

St James's Garlickhythe

Upper Thames Street, EC4
020 7236 1719

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

this woodcarved pulpit has an elegant staircase of twisted balusters

St Andrew Undershaft

St Mary Axe, Leadenhall Street, EC3
020 7283 2231

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g; Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,40,42,47,48,78,100,149,242,344

opening: admission by prior arrangement with St Helens Church (020 7283 2231)

this is from the Wren period and is carved with fruit, flowers and wheat ears

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 1st Sun in month (14.00), in Estonian on 3rd Sun (14.30), in Latvian 4th Sun (14.30)

hexagonal with 3 inlaid panels, foliage & winged heads of cherubs

Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

Tower Hill, Tower Hill, EC3
020 7709 0765

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

opening: guided tours only and services on Suns at 09.15 & 11.00

made of modern English oak with a glass front depicting the Crown of the King of Kings. The surrounding flames symbolise the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

St Botolph-without-Aldersgate

Aldersgate Street, EC1
020 7606 0684

transport: Barbican & St Paul's u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,25,56,100,153,172,242

opening: Mon-Wed, Fri 11.00-15.00, Thur 12.45-14.30 Also for Lord Mayor's Show (Sat nearest 9 Nov)

an 18th century hexagonal pulpit of inlaid mahogany with the pedestal in the form of a palm tree

St Clement's Eastcheap, EC3

020 7626 0220

transport: Monument & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,344

opening: Mon-Fri 07.00-17.00

17th century with standing cherubs and swags of Norwegian oak, oval panels and a canopy

St Edmund, King and Martyr

Lombard Street, EC3
020 7626 9701

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Cannon 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

churchwardens' pews; pulpit and communion table legs are all woodcarved

St Peter upon Cornhill, EC3

020 7283 2231

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

opening: admission by prior arrangement with St Helens Church (020 7283 2231)

woodcarved doors, pulpit, screen, reredos, communion rails and pews. The pulpit is original (17th century) and has domed panels with carved fruit, leaves and cherubs' heads on the sounding board

St Vedast-alias-Foster

4 Foster Lane, Cheapside, EC2
020 7606 3998

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g; buses 8,56, 100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-18.00

decorated with fruit, flowers, lions and skulls

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

much woodcarving in the reredos, beadle's pew, choir stalls, lectern and pulpit

St Helen's Bishopsgate, EC3

020 7283 2231

transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35, 42,47,48,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00 via church office

a Jacobean canopied woodcarved pulpit

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: Mon-Fri 10.30-16.00

*cedar wood carved with cherubs' heads, leaves and pods.
The sounding board is hexagonal inlaid with seven
different woods*

St Mary Woolnoth

Lombard Street, EC3
020 7626 9701

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g &
rail; buses 8,11,26,40,133,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-16.30

*a panelled, square pulpit by Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-
1736)*

St Mary-Le-Bow

Cheapside, EC2
020 7248 5139

transport: Bank & St Paul's u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,100,
172,242

*facilities: Bell Tower open Mon-Fri by appointment; The
Place Below vegetarian restaurant (daily 07.30-14.30,
020 7329 0789)*

opening: Mon-Thur 06.30-18.00, Fri 06.30-16.00

*unusual twin pulpits designed for use for moral debates
between two public figures with opposing views.
Traditionally they would have been used for readings of
different parts of the Bible - Old and New Testament
readings from one side, readings from the Gospel on the
other*

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

*here the 1680 hexagonal oak pulpit has oval inlays and
carved swags of fruit & flowers. The door has marquetry
panels*

Charterhouse

Charterhouse Square, EC1
020 7253 9503

transport: Barbican & Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,56,
153

facilities: guided tours only

opening: Weds April-July guided tour at 14.15
admission charge

*lovely woodcarving dating from the Jacobean period can
be seen in the pulpit, pews and communion table of the
Chapel*

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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