



Seeing the Capital Differently

Pulpits outside the City of London

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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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St Martin-in-the-Fields

St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, WC2
020 7766 1100 www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org
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: *café in crypt (Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-20.00), shop*
opening: church daily from 08.00; crypt Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-18.00; brassrubbing Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00 (charge for materials)
admission free
this pulpit has a twisted baluster staircase and inlay decoration

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
carved Islamic pulpits can be seen in the Islamic Gallery

Christ Church

Manchester Road & Glenaffric Avenue, E14
020 7987 1915
transport: Island Gardens DLR; buses D3,D7
the pulpit has 3 gilded panels painted with The Annunciation, by John Mehuish Strudwick 1914

Spitalfields Heritage Centre

19 Princelet Street, E1
020 7247 5352
transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,42,47,48,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344
one of the oldest synagogues in London (1869) it was built at the rear of a Huguenot silk merchant's home. It has a wooden Ark and pulpit. Unfortunately the building is in a very delicate state so is rarely open except to groups by arrangement

St Anne's, Limehouse

Commercial Road, E14
020 8874 2809
transport: West Ferry DLR; buses 15,115,277,D3,D6,D7
opening: Mon-Fri 14.00-16.00, Sat 14.00-17.00, Sun 14.30-17.30
of oak designed by A W Blomfield and carved by William Gibbs Roger

St James's

197 Piccadilly, W1
020 7734 4511 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)
this church has an external pulpit with sounding board installed in 1902 for conducting open-air services

All Souls, Langham Place

Regent Street, W1
020 7580 3522
transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159,176,189,C2
opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-18.00, Sun 09.00-20.30
the bronzed aluminium pulpit sits on castors for ease of movement

All Saints

7 Margaret Street, W1
020 7636 1788
transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 7,8,10,25,55,73,98,176
opening: daily 07.00-19.00
multi-coloured inlaid marble mounted on granite columns

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
a wooden hexagonal pulpit with festoons of hanging flowers carved by Grinling Gibbons

St Mary-le-Strand

Strand, WC2
020 7836 3126
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: Mon-Fri 11.00-15.30; recitals Weds 13.00
the pulpit was carved by John Simmonds

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
Victorian encrusted & coloured pulpit decorated with finials, cusps & barber pole shafts

St Mary's

Bryanston Square, W1
020 7723 0466
transport: Edgware Road & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,13,15,16,23,30,36,82,98,113,139,189,274
eight grey, upward tapering Corinthian columns embellished with ironwork support the pulpit

All Hallows, North Twickenham

Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex
transport: Twickenham rail; bus 281
a copy of Grinling Gibbons's pulpit at St Mary Abchurch this is woodcarved with cherubs' heads, foliage and a curving staircase with twisted balusters

St Martin's, Gospel Oak

Vicars Road, NW5

transport: Chalk Farm u/g, Gospel Oak rail; buses 24,46, C11

of alabaster

St Mary's

Church Hill, Harefield, Middlesex

transport: Uxbridge u/g, Denham rail; buses 331,U9

a Georgian three-decker pulpit

St Mary the Virgin

Overton Drive, St Mary's Avenue, Wanstead, E11

transport: Wanstead u/g; buses 66,101,145,308,W13, W14

the columns of this pulpit are palm trees

St James the Less

Sussex Gardens, Bayswater, W2
020 7262 9976

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

an interesting design of columns, balls and steps in different coloured marbles. It matches the church's font

St Pauls

298 The Highway, Shadwell, E1
020 7488 4633

transport: Wapping & Shadwell u/g; buses 100,D3

opening: the key may be obtained from The Rectory, 298 The Highway, Shadwell, E1

an original 1820 pot-bellied pulpit in baroque style

St Stephen's

Rochester Row, SW1
020 7834 0950

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

of Caen stone with tracery

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

an oak pulpit of 1676 with marquetry panels, it was used for preaching by the Wesleys, the founders of Methodism

St Pancras New Church

Upper Woburn Place, WC1
020 7388 1461

transport: Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,18,30,59,68,73, 91,168,253

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00, Sat 09.00-11.00, Sun 08.00-noon

a wooden octagonal pulpit on four Ionic columns made from Fairlop Oak of Hainault Forest

Holy Trinity, Marylebone

Albany Street, Regent's Park, NW1
020 7387 5282

transport: Regent's Park & Great Portland Street u/g; buses 18,27,30,88,C2

opening: daily 09.00-18.00

this 1824-28 church includes an external pulpit attached to the façade at the east end. It is a memorial to the Reverend William Cadman, rector 1859-91, who preached to large crowds outside

St George the Martyr, Southwark

Borough High Street, SE1

transport: Borough u/g; buses 21,35,40,133,343,344

facilities: induction loop, guide book

opening: Wed noon-13.30, Thur noon-14.00, Sun 10.00-16.00

free-standing supported on 4 Ionic columns, this pulpit is supposedly the highest in London

St Mary Abbots

Kensington High Street, W8
020 7937 5136

transport: High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,27,28, 49,328,C1

the pulpit was the gift of King William III

Old Royal Naval College

King William Walk, Greenwich, SE10

020 8331 7897 www.greenwichfoundation.org.uk

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

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-16.15, Sun 12.30-17.00

admission charge but free after 15.30 & on Suns

red limewood circular pulpit

St Mary's Old Church

north side of Stoke Newington Church Street, N16

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

1829 pulpit with spiral canopy; by Sir Charles Barry

St Mary's New Church

opposite the Old Church, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16

020 7254 6072

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

designed with grey-green marble columns on the outside and shorter pink ones inside

St Mary's

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

hexagonal, inlaid and panelled with fluted angles

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Aghia Sophia

Moscow Road, Bayswater, W2
020 7229 7260

transport: Bayswater u/g; buses 12,70,94

opening: Sun 09.00-noon

a woodcarved pulpit

St Augustine's with St John's

Kilburn Park Road, Kilburn, NW6

transport: Kilburn u/g, Kilburn High Road rail; buses 6, 16,31,32,98,206,316,328

of carved amber alabaster-marble

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
mid 17th century with cherubs' heads, scroll decoration and the arms of Sir David Cunningham

St Nicholas

Deptford Green, Deptford, SE8

transport: Deptford Bridge DLR, Deptford rail; buses 47, 188,199

opening: viewing by arrangement with vicar. Guided tours by arrangement (phone 020 7639 4048)
six-sided with pilasters, arches and turrets and a staircase of twisted balusters

St Lukes, Chelsea

Sydney Street, SW3
020 7351 7365

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,211,319
opening: by appointment
Victorian of 1893 with marble panels and cherubs' heads

St Peter's

310 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11

transport: Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 2,36,77,77A,88, 185,322,344

Victorian with biblical scenes fashioned from large mosaic pieces

St Pauls, Hammersmith

Queen Caroline Street, W6
020 9748 3855

transport: Hammersmith u/g; buses 9,10,33,72,209, 211,283,419
a 17th century pulpit carved with cherubs' heads and garlands

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 wood of the first post is carved with the statues of saints

New West End Synagogue

St Petersburg Place, Bayswater, W2
020 7229 2631

transport: Bayswater & Queensway u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 12,70,94
opening: Mon-Thur 10.00-13.00
among the treasures of this 1877-79 synagogue is a pulpit of alabaster and marble has marble railings and covered iron columns

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 and York Minster and is of High Baroque (Italian Mannerist) style with side aisles decorated with gold, Siena marble & Venetian mosaics. The large, dark wood pulpit is carved with a dove and cherubs on the canopy and is mounted by two pairs of steps. The Oratory is well-known for its music and solemn masses sung in Latin

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 15th 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 Victorian carved with figures of saints

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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