



Seeing the Capital Differently

Stairs in Places of Religion

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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 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 Christopher Wren pulpit carved with garlands and segmental pediments is supported on slender stem staircase with delicately-turned balusters

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, Sun 14.30-16.00
a staircase with twisted balusters leads to the gallery

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
a double staircase with turned balusters and Corinthian columns leads to the organ

St James's Clerkenwell

Clerkenwell Green, Clerkenwell, EC1
020 7251 1190
transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,63
opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-15.00
the 18th century gallery has twin staircases with wrought-iron guards to prevent ladies' ankles from being seen

St James's Garlickhythe

Upper Thames Street, EC4
transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,344
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00
the carved pulpit has an elegant staircase of twisted balusters

St Nicholas

Deptford Green, SE8
transport: Deptford Bridge DLR, Deptford rail; buses 47,188,199
the pulpit is six-sided with pilasters, arches and turrets and a staircase of twisted balusters

All Hallows Church, North Twickenham

Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex
transport: Twickenham rail; bus 281
the pulpit is a copy of the one by Grinling Gibbons in St Mary Abchurch in the City of London. It has cherubs' heads, foliage and a curving staircase with twisted balusters

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: daily: 08.00-18.30
admission free
a twisted baluster staircase with inlay decoration leads up to the pulpit

St John the Evangelist

Smith Square, SW1
020 7222 2168 (admin), 020 7222 1061 (box office)
www.sjss.org.uk
transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier
facilities: the 'Footstool restaurant in the Crypt (lunches Mon-Fri 11.30-14.45, dinners tel:020 7222 2779); artworks displays changed regularly
the north and south exteriors are dominated by giant Corinthian columns supporting broken pediments and grand flights of stairs. This church has superb acoustics and is now a major concert venue holding everything from classical music to choirs to solo instrumental recitals

St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4
020 7263 4128 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
there are 250 stairs up to the Whispering Gallery, 119 up to the Stone Gallery and 152 steep spiralling steps inside the dome's structure to the Golden Gallery. You need to be energetic!

Methodist Central Hall

Tothill Street & Storey's Gate, SW1
020 7222 8010 www.wch.co.uk
transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier
opening: daily 09.30-17.30 with guided tour
the Grand Staircase has decorative wrought-iron balustrades and lamp standards

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
built in 1685 with the stairs made by Wren's craftsman, William Gray, the pulpit has garlands of foliage and cherubs' heads