



Seeing the Capital Differently

Weathervanes

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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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Banqueting House

Whitehall, SW1A

020 7930 4179

www.hrp.org.uk

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

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00. It is advisable to check as it may be closed for functions
admission charge

a weathervane on the north side of the roof was erected in 1686 by King James II to warn of the foul 'Protestant wind' that might bring William of Orange over the sea from Holland

Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens, W8

020 7937 9561

www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94

facilities: multi-language audio guides; refreshments in The Orangery (morning coffee, light lunches & afternoon tea); gift and souvenirs shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.00 summer; 10.00-16.00 winter
admission charge

a wind dial which is connected to the palace weather vane is still in use. The dial, in the King's Gallery, dates from 1694 and is a map of north-west Europe with the points of the compass round it. The direction of the prevailing wind is indicated by a pointer which is operated by rods connected to the weathervane on the roof. In the corners are painted scenes of the four continents

Lords Cricket Ground/MCC Museum

St John's Wood Road, St John's Wood, NW8

020 7432 1033

www.lords.org

transport: St John's Wood u/g (10mins walk), Maida Vale u/g (10 mins walk), Marylebone u/g & rail (15mins walk); buses 13,46,82,113,139,187,189,274

facilities: limited disabled access; restaurant and snacks nearby; shop selling prints, books, souvenirs and cricket equipment; tours by arrangement

opening: daily except on match days; tours at noon & 14.00

admission charge

the weathervane of Father Time dates from 1926

London Custom House

Lower Thames Street, EC3

020 7665 7472

www.hmce.gov.uk

transport: Tower Hill & Monument u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,344; boat Tower Millennium Pier

facilities: disabled access

opening: not normally open to public - watch out for special open days

this weathervane dates from the 1820s and was used to indicate when the wind was blowing in the right direction for bringing ships up the river

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

the church has a 217ft steeple modelled on one in Rome. It has a square bell tower with balustrade and pinnacles, a circle of columns with a top stage of 12 colonettes, an obelisk and winged dragon weathervane; by Christopher Wren. The copper dragon, made in 1679, is 9ft long and has a rope dancer on its back

St Lawrence Jewry

Gresham Street, EC2

020 7600 9478

transport: Bank & St Pauls u/g; buses 8,56,76,100,133, 172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 07.30-14.00

the weathervane represents the gridiron that is the symbol of St Lawrence who was flayed and roasted alive in AD 258. It also incorporates a replica of the incendiary bomb that destroyed the church in 1940

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 gilded three-masted ship weathervane is on the top of the spire

St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe

St Andrew's Hill, Queen Victoria Street, EC4

020 7248 7546

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

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

this vane was designed by Christopher Wren

St Olav's Norwegian Church

St Olav's Square, Albion Street, Rotherhithe, SE16

020 7740 3900

transport: Rotherhithe u/g; buses 1,47,188,199,225,381

facilities: shop selling Norwegian goods

the weathervane is in the shape of a longboat

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)

this weathervane is shaped as a letter A

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)

gilded weathervane on the tower

St Olave Jewry

Poultry, EC2

020 7488 4818

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

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00; concerts Wed & Thur 13.05

1670-6 church tower by Christopher Wren has a three-masted fully rigged ship weathervane. The church itself was demolished in 1872

Boodles Club

28 St James's Street, SW1
020 7930 7166

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

a white weathervane

Royal Exchange

Cornhill, EC3

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

opening: tours by arrangement (telephone 020 7283 7101)

admission free

the building has a weathervane of a gilded bronze grasshopper, the emblem of Sir Thomas Gresham, financier and builder of the Royal Exchange

St Katharines Dock

St Katharine-by-the-Tower, E1
www.stkaths.co.uk

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

the 1820s clock tower, part of Ivory Warehouse, has a golden galley weathervane

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

this church has a golden cock vane

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

standing 185ft high of Portland stone this tower has an octagonal lantern with lead dome and spirelet mounted by a golden weathervane

Anchor Brewhouse

Shad Thames, Tower Bridge, SE1

transport: Tower Hill & Bermondsey u/g, Tower Gateway DLR; buses 42,47,78,188,381

this old Courage Ale brewery retains its boiler house chimney and malt mill tower and cupola although now luxury flat. The tower is topped with an anchor on a flag vane

St Peter upon Cornhill

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,

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

in the shape of a key this vane is 9ft long and weighs 2 cwts. On top of the obelisk spire it can only be seen from the south churchyard and Gracechurch Street

Hudson Bay House (former)

52 Bishopsgate, EC3

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

a beaver weathervane marks the former headquarters of the fur trading, Hudson Bay Company

Lloyd's Register of Shipping

71 Fenchurch Street, EC3
020 7709 9166

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

appropriately this weathervane is a gilded ship

No.2 Temple Place, WC2

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

gilded and in beaten copper this vane is of Christopher Columbus's caravel 'Santa Maria'. It is by J Starkie Gardner

Cannon Street Station, EC4

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

a mid Victorian railway station the only original part now remaining, on either side of the viaduct above the river bank, are two large towers with gilded weathervanes

Kensington Gardens

Bayswater Road and Kensington Gore Road, W8
020 7298 2100

transport: Queensway & Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 9,10, 12,27,28,49,52,70,94,328

opening: daily 05.00am - dusk

the 'Time Flies' clock and fountain of 1909 is near the playground. It has a columned roof and clock tower with golden bird weathervane. Under the clocks on each side of the tower there is the inscription 'Time Flies'

Morden Hall Park

Morden Hall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4
020 8687 0094

transport: Morden u/g; Tramlink to Phipps Bridge; buses 80,118,154,157,163,163,201,293,413

facilities: disabled access; tearoom (10.00-17.00 daily)

opening: park daily during daylight hours
admission free

this former deer park has a network of waterways and two water mills dating from the 18th century that were used for grinding snuff until 1922. The old stable block has a vane in the shape of a trout

St Antholin Spire, Roundhill

Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23/SE26

transport: Forest Hill rail; buses 122,176,312

Wren's stone spire with dragon's head weathervane was purchased and placed here when St Antholin's Church was demolished in 1874

Sir Thomas Gresham

On the campanile of the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, EC3

transport: Bank u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,133,242

the portrait statue of the financier who built the Royal Exchange is by William Behnes and Sir Richard Westmacott . It sits on the 177ft high campanile and is topped with a grasshopper weathervane

Old Billingsgate Market

Lower Thames Street, EC3

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

built in 1876 as the London market building for the fishing trade it was vacated in 1982 when the market moved to Docklands. It now houses offices. The figure of Britannia can still be seen on the outside while two golden fish top the weathervanes at either end of the roof

Trinity House

Trinity Square, Tower Hill, EC3

020 7481 6900

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

opening: occasional open days. Worth enquiring

on the top of this attractive Georgian building stands a weathervane in the shape of a golden galleon while inside there are many treasures relating to the sea

Dutch Church of Austin Friars

Austin Friars, Old Broad Street, EC2

020 7588 1684

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

opening: Tue-Fri 11.00-15.00

the weathervane on this church is a cock

Deptford Town Hall

New Cross Road, New Cross, SE14

transport: New Cross & New Cross Gate u/g & rail; buses 21,47,136,177,225,321,436,P13

this 1903-5 Edwardian Baroque style town hall has a central doorway with carvings of Tritons and statues of admirals between the 1st floor windows. The tympanium sculpture is of a sea battle and a sailing ship weathervane tops the building. The interior has marble columns and a staircase with domed lantern

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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