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## **Pulpits outside the City of London**

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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 Princes 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

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