



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Stairs in Places of Religion

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By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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*