

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

Visit to Southwark Cathedral SE1 2DA & London Fire Brigade Museum, SE1 0EG Thursday 12 October 2006

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Southwark Cathedral

An Anglican cathedral since 1905 but in the Middle Ages it was the Augustinian priory of St Mary Overlie. Much of its 15th structure remains intact but there was a considerable amount of restoration in the Victorian era. Apart from Lambeth Palace, it is the most important medieval monument in South London. Samuel Pepys records how he came here to admire the range of fine windows and monuments. A Cathedral guide will conduct our tour and there will be several periods when seating will be available.[www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral].

London Fire Brigade Museum

The museum is housed in two adjoining buildings, the first including the appliance bay of the original Victorian fire station and the second in Winchester House, previously the headquarters and residence of the Brigade's chief fire officer. The museum holds a wealth of information and exhibits depicting the history of fire fighting in London from the Great Fire in 1666 to the present day. After an introductory video, our guided tour will cover the large collection of fire fighting engines, ranging from hand-drawn pumps to steam engines and petrol/diesel engines. Later we will see how breathing apparatus developed and other advances in equipment e.g. protective clothing. During the tour, we will be able to walk freely among all the exhibits.
[www.london-fire.gov.uk]

Programme

10:25 - 10:55 Tea/Coffee etc in the Cathedral Refectory. {toilets}..
10:55 - 12:20 Guided tour; assemble outside the Refectory entrance. Latecomers please go direct to the Cathedral
12:20 - 13:30 Lunch – own arrangements; there are many cafes etc. within 200 m of the Cathedral .
13:30 Assemble outside the Refectory entrance.
13:30 - 13:50 Walk to London Fire Brigade Museum, 94a Southwark Bridge Rd. {toilets}.See Map.
14:00 - 15:20 Guided tour of Museum.
When ready Disperse

Directions

Southwark Cathedral is close to the SW end of London Bridge, just 3 minutes walk from London Bridge station.

If you wish to avoid steps and the need to cross over the very busy approach road to London Bridge, leave London Bridge (underground and mainline) station via the Tooley Street Exit (nearest mainline platforms 1-6); the *London Dungeon* is on the right hand side of that station exit. Cross the road with London Bridge Private Hospital in front of you. Do not go up the hill but follow the road round under London Bridge. Once through the tunnel, pass Glazier's Hall on the right. A little further on the left, take the Millennium Courtyard entrance to the Cathedral. The Refectory is then on your left. See map

London Fire Brigade Museum is less than 0.7 mile from the Cathedral. Colleagues are welcome to make their way independently if they wish. See map. The guided tour involves two flights of stairs; unfortunately there is no lift.

The total cost for entry fees and guided tours is £7 for concessions. Numbers limited to 30. Photography is allowed at both sites, by permit at the Cathedral, £2 for camera, £5 for Video Recording.



SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

How to find the Cathedral...

Southwark Cathedral is conveniently located for the City, Canary Wharf, the West End and South Bank. Situated just three minutes' walk from London Bridge station, the Cathedral is easy to reach from a number of main line train and LT underground stations and bus routes.

Main line stations

London Bridge: Connex South East, South Central and Thameslink services.

Waterloo: (from Waterloo East to London Bridge): South West Trains services

Underground

London Bridge station: Jubilee and Northern (City Branch) lines

Monument station: District and Circle lines and Docklands Light Railway

Buses

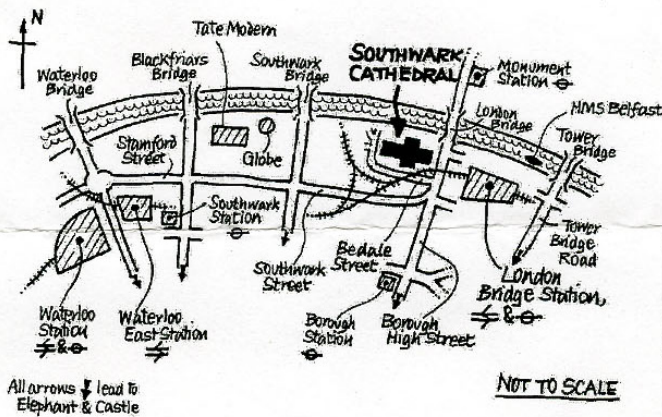
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River bus

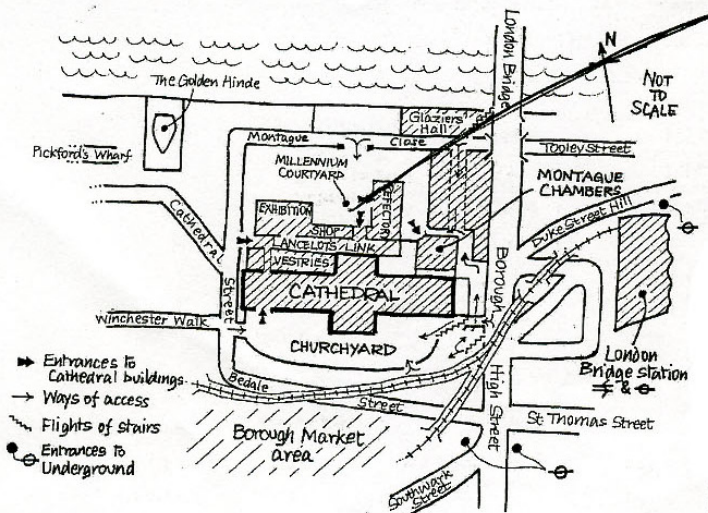
Bankside pier

Parking

There is an NCP car park at Snowsfields and in addition, a limited number of parking meters along Southwark Street.



Millennium Courtyard adjacent to Refectory. This is the group assembly point and where your Cathedral Guide(s) will meet you for the commencement of your tour.



HOW TO FIND US

Rail: London Bridge

Tube: Borough

Bus: Route 344

Nearest car park: Library Street

Nearest cafe/restaurant: Turn left out of museum and walk 300m. There are also many cafes along Borough High Street.

Toilets and accessible toilets: Available on site. Please ask staff for directions.

