

St Brides Crypt and Exhibition

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13th and 15th century foundations, and a cast iron coffin made to deter "resurreclinists" who would dig up recent burials in order to sell the bodies to medical schools for dissection. Historical panels



Evening News account of the bombing in 1940



A few of the finds made in the excavations



The panel commemorating Lord Northcliffe, a benefactor of the church



The historical panels in exhibition area



A painting of Fleet Street in the 1930s

The first building on this site on this site was in Roman times, and since then, there have been four churches on the site. The medieval church burned down in 1688, along with 87 other parish churches in the City. The current church was built by Sir Christopher Wren and extensively damaged by bombs in 1942 and is fully described on another Heritage page.

The large crypt is well worth a visit, since it contains fragments of many of the previous buildings on the site, a collection of the finds made in the extensive post-war excavations and a large exhibition space. These pictures will give you a taster of what is available.



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Additional notes

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