

St Brides Crypt and Exhibition

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13th and 15th century foundations, and a cast iron coffin made to deter “resurrectinists” 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

St Bride's extensive crypt is well worth a visit. 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 are examples. The first building on this site was in Roman times, and since then, there have been eight churches built here.

The seventh was destroyed in the Great Fire of London (1666) as were 86 other churches in the City. The current church, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was one of the 51 churches rebuilt in the City after the fire. St Bride's was extensively damaged by bombs in 1940 and restored. The present church is fully described on another Heritage page.



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Additional notes

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