

A day out in

Southwark

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Bankside

The original Globe Theatre built in 1599 and home to many of Shakespeare's productions burnt down in 1613, was rebuilt and then torn down in 1644. In 1949 American actor-director, Sam Wanamaker set about finding the site where he would build an exact replica of the original, right down to the thatched roof. Sadly both Sam and the architect Theo Crosby died before the building was completed. Today, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre puts on a season from May to September every year of plays by Shakespeare and his contemporaries, as well as more modern authors. The audience can either sit for the performances, or stand in a central courtyard, much the same way as play-goers would have done in Shakespeare's day. Visitors can also look round the Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and go on a backstage tour. For more information, visit: www.shakespeares-globe.org.uk, or telephone 020 7902 1400



Borough Market

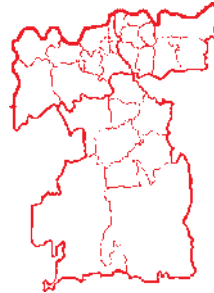
Bankside

Dating back to around 1014, Borough Market is situated next to Southwark Cathedral. Today, the market has a huge range of stalls, selling breads, cakes, cheeses, dairy products, fish,

flowers, fruit & vegetables, herbs & spices, meat, game & poultry, preserves, sweets, wines, beers and much more, from all around the country.

Borough Market is open to the general public every Friday (12 noon to 6pm) and Saturday (9am to 4pm).

For more information, visit www.boroughmarket.org.uk



Southwark Cathedral

Southwark Cathedral is situated on the south bank of the River Thames, and is the oldest Gothic building in London.

It is believed that there has been a church on the site of Southwark Cathedral for more than 1,000 years.

In 1904 an Act of Parliament created the new Diocese of Southwark, and the church became the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie.

With the school holidays coming up and weather, thoughts turn to "where shall we go?" Have you realised just how much there is to do in our own part of South London? We've looked at a selection of the places in the Diocese which we hope will give you a family day out or perhaps parish group fun this Summer. Many of these places attract visitors from the world and they're right here - on our doorstep.

In the main Cathedral building there is the tomb of John Gower, friend of Geoffrey Chaucer and first English poet, who died in 1408. At the rear of the Nave is the memorial to the victims of the sinking of the pleasure boat, The Marchioness in 1989.

There are also memorials to Shakespeare and to the American artist, director and producer, Sam Wanamaker CBE, who spearheaded the rebuilding of the Globe Theatre.

Off the North Transept is the Harvard Chapel, named after Southwark-born John Harvard who founded the American university of the same name in 1636.

A stained glass window in his memory was later donated by a Harvard graduate in 1905.

In 2001 the Cathedral's Millennium Buildings were opened by Nelson Mandela, after a grant was awarded for this purpose by the Millennium Commission.

The new building was constructed along the lines of a street, linking the new section to the main Cathedral, and incorporating meeting rooms as well as a shop, refectory and library.

For more information, visit www.dswark.org/cathedral/index.htm

Lambeth

London Aquarium

South Bank

The London Aquarium in the former County Hall is one of Europe's largest exhibitions of global aquatic life, displayed in more than two million litres of water. It offers visitors a multi-sensory journey of discovery through rivers, lakes and oceans, seeing for themselves over 350 different species including eels, sharks,

piranhas, rays, jellyfish, clownfish, tangs and many more. Visitors can watch a frenzied piranha feed and stroke friendly rays and starfish as part of a daily programme of events including free talks, dives and feed times. It is open daily 10am - 6pm. For more information, visit www.londonaquarium.co.uk or telephone 020 7967 8000



Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road



The Museum of Garden History was founded in 1977 at the former church of St Mary-at-Lambeth, next to Lambeth Palace and houses a unique collection, telling the story of the history of gardening and the work of celebrated gardeners.

Special focus is given to the Tradescant family, gardeners to Charles I and Charles II. The family tomb is in the churchyard, along with that of Captain Bligh of the Bounty.

Open daily 10:30 am - 5:00 pm. Suggested donation £3 per adult, and £2.50 concs. Details from: 020 7401 8865 or email: info@museumgardenhistory.org

Vauxhall City Farm

Vauxhall SE11

Established in 1977, in the parish of St Peter's Vauxhall, the City Farm provides an accessible social and educational resource for local people.

The farm has a range of animals and is currently home to six horses including a shire horse called Charlie, two Kune Kune pigs, two donkeys, two rare sheep and a lamb, goats, rabbits including Spencer, a British Giant who is an unusually large rabbit, guinea pigs and a variety of chickens, ducks, geese and 2 turkeys.

The aim is to rotate the animals in order for them to have a better quality of life and also to maintain public interest in a variety of animals.

Main activities include a riding project for disabled children, volunteering opportunities for local people, vocational training in animal and equine care, a gardening programme, art workshops, a curriculum based education programme.

The farm has an open day planned for 10 July with all sorts of things going on for people to enjoy including pond dipping in the ecology garden, duck racing, a barbecue and spinning demonstrations. Children will be able to take part in the spinning the longest thread challenge.

Normal opening times are Tue - Thu, Sat & Sun 10.30 to 4pm. Entrance in Tyers St, SE11 Admission is free. Details from 020 7582 4204 or email: vauxhallcityfarm@ukonline.co.uk

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All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Wimbledon

Wimbledon is home to the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, who organise the world-famous tennis tournament (this year from 21 June to 4 July).

However, even outside Championship fortnight, the site is still worth visiting.

It houses the Wimbledon

Lawn Tennis Museum, where visitors can look round collections of tennis outfits, rackets, balls and other tennis memorabilia, including Wimbledon championship trophies.

Visitors can also have the chance to see the famous Centre Court.

Tickets to the Championship fortnight are sold via a public ballot. However, a few are reserved to buy at the turnstiles each day for those who do not mind getting there early and queuing for them.

For more information, visit www.wimbledon.org.

St Mary's Church, Battersea

St Mary's is the only Grade 1 listed church in the Borough of Wandsworth. It has a number of famous people linked to it, including Benedict Arnold and his English wife Peggy Shippen (see page 2). The poet, William Blake married there in 1782 and his marriage certificate is on display. Artist, JMW Turner painted the river from the vestry window in the early 1800s. Turner's Chair, from which he painted is now in the Sanctuary. Stained glass windows mark the connections to Arnold, Blake, Turner and botanist William Curtis (1746-99). Visit www.stmarysbattersea.org.uk

Deen City Farm

Merton

On 5 acres of land in Merton, Deen City Farm is an educational resource showing the local community the basics of a working farm.

There's a volunteer scheme which allows people to learn how to look after animals and plants and a riding school with facilities for the disabled.

The farm opens from 10 am to 4.30 pm every day except Mondays - no charge but donations gratefully received

The Farm is at 39 Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey, London SW19 2RR. Details: 020 8543 5300 or email: deencity@deencityfarm.co.uk



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Horniman Museum

Forest Hill

The Horniman Museum is home to the first permanent exhibition space in Britain dedicated to African and African-related arts and cultures.

There is also a Natural History Collection and a newly refurbished Living Waters

Aquarium, as well as 16 acres of gardens made up of formal and natural landscapes, rose and sunken gardens and a sundial where you can tell the time using your own shadow.

In the centre of the Gardens is a bandstand dating from 1912 - the focus for a programme of music performances in the summer months.

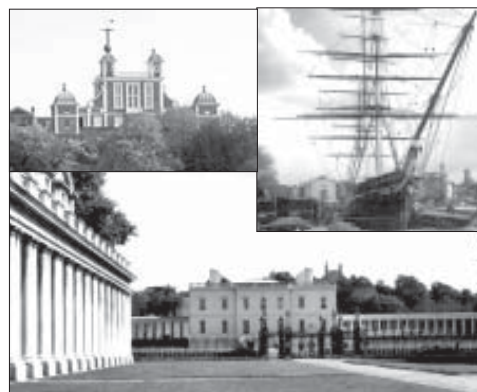
For more information, visit www.horniman.ac.uk

St Nicholas Church

Deptford

St Nicholas' Church in Deptford is home to the grave of Christopher Marlowe - the 16th century dramatist and poet, who was killed in a tavern brawl in Deptford. A memorial to Marlowe can be seen at the Church, along with wood carvings by Grinling Gibbons, which are located in the reredos and chancel.

For more information, visit www.dswark.org/parishes



Surrey

The Royal Botanical Gardens

Kew

The internationally renowned Kew Gardens cover three hundred acres, and numerous collections of over 40,000 varieties of plants. The attractions include The Queen's Garden in the style of a 17th century garden, a formal Rose Garden and a Heather Garden.

There is a Grass Garden with over 600 grasses, and in June, the Bluebell Wood is in flower. There is also the famous Chinoiserie Pagoda that was designed by Sir William Chambers in 1751. The Marianne North Gallery holds 832 oil paintings of plants. One-hour tours take place every day at 11.00am and 2.00pm, between March and November.

For information, visit www.rbgekew.org.uk or tel. 020 8332 5000.

St Anne's Church

Kew

While in Kew, it is worth visiting St Annes on Kew Green (see Parish profile, April Bridge). The churchyard includes the last resting place of the English portrait and landscape painter, Thomas Gainsborough.

The church is situated next to Kew Gardens and plays host to a number of concerts throughout the year. Teas, including cream teas, sandwiches, cakes and herbal teas and soft drinks are available every Sunday through the summer from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. In fine weather, tables are set out overlooking the cricket on Kew Green (photo below). For more information, visit www.saintanne-kew.org.uk



St Leonard's Church

Streatham



Streatham's East window was designed by the contemporary artist, John Haywood, and tells the story of the parish in pictures. In the roundel at the top, there are symbols representing St Leonard - patron saint of prisoners. There are also the coats of arms of the Dioceses of which Streatham has been a part (Winchester, Rochester and Southwark). Other images include historical figures with links to the church. At the bottom of the window, an image of St. Leonard's Church rising as a phoenix from the flames represents the fire that destroyed much of the church interior in 1975, resulting in a restoration project that took two years to complete.

For more information, visit www.stleonard-streatham.org.uk

Godstone Farm

Godstone

Godstone Farm is a popular children's farm with attractive scenery, friendly farm animals, play barn and enormous indoor play areas for when the weather is wet.

The farm is open all year round, from 10am to 5pm in the winter and from 10am to 6pm in the summer.

For more information, visit www.godstonefarm.co.uk or tel. 01883 742546



St Peter & St Paul, Chaldon

Mentioned in Domesday Book, this church is also featured in most tourist walking guides to the area.

This is largely due to the presence of Chaldon's 'main tourist attraction' - a large medieval mural, which was uncovered during renovations in Victorian times.

The mural depicts Judgement and the Ladder of Salvation. For more information, visit www.dswark.org/parishes

Richmond Park

Richmond

The park extending over some 955 hectares (2,360 acres), is a heritage landscape of national importance.

It was enclosed as a hunting park by Charles I in 1637 and still retains many ingredients of a medieval deer park.

Essential to its character is the rich landscape of semi-natural acidic grassland, areas of bog and bracken, wetland, woodland and ancient parkland trees, and the herds of fallow and red deer that still roam the park.

In 1992 the park was notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest by English Nature.

Amenities include a cafeteria, a restaurant, refreshment kiosks two public golf courses and children's playgrounds. The park opens at 7.00 am in summer, 7.30 am in winter and closes at dusk. Information from 020 8948 3209.

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Chessington World of Adventure is in the Diocese (just off the A3 at Chessington KT9 2NE). For information tel: 0870 444 7777 or www.chessington.co.uk and of course, **Hampton Court Palace** is just outside the Diocese at East Molesey, Surrey. For details phone: 0870 752 7777 or visit www.hrp.org.uk

Greenwich

Info from www.greenwichwhs.org.uk

The Cutty Sark

The fastest sailing ship of her day, the Cutty Sark sailed the tea route to China and brought back wool from Australia. She has been in dry dock in Greenwich since 1954. Visitors can discover what the life of a sailor was like in the 19th century. Beside Cutty Sark is Gypsy Moth IV on which Sir Francis Chichester circumnavigated the world.

For more information, visit www.cuttysark.co.uk or telephone 020 8858 3445.

National Maritime Museum

Britain's seafaring heritage is dramatically recreated in galleries filled with maritime treasures and artefacts. The stories of naval battles, of famous mariners, adventurers and explorers and the life of Admiral Lord Nelson are vividly brought to life. Any visit to the Museum also includes The Queen's House, a perfectly proportioned Palladian house designed in 1616 by Inigo Jones housing part of Museum's collection of naval portraits and seascapes, as well as paintings of Greenwich. These include Canaletto's view, a scene virtually unchanged since the mid-18th century.

For more information, visit www.nmm.ac.uk

Royal Observatory Greenwich

Founded as a scientific institution for navigational research by Charles II in 1675, the Observatory is the home of the world's Prime Meridian - Longitude 0° - and of Greenwich Mean Time. Stand on the line with one foot in the eastern hemisphere and one in the west. Clocks developed by John Harrison to determine longitude at sea are among the Observatory's most treasured possessions.

The Old Royal Naval College

On the site of the Tudor palace where Henry VIII and Elizabeth I were born, these buildings form the centrepiece of one of this country's finest examples of Baroque landscape. The magnificent Painted Hall, where Nelson's body lay in state after his death at Trafalgar; the Chapel with its elaborate plasterwork, and the Pepys Visitor Centre, are open to public daily (free).

St Alfege Church

A church has stood on the traditional site of St Alfege's martyrdom since 1012. The current church is the third building to stand on the site, and was designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor. It was dedicated in 1718. The 16th Century composer of English church music, Thomas Tallis was buried at the church. John Julius Angerstein, the inspiration for Lloyd's insurance, was churchwarden; and General Gordon was baptised there. For more information, visit www.st-alfege.org

and just down the road in Woolwich

Firepower

The Royal Military Repository, the forerunner to the Royal Artillery Museum, was formally established on the Royal Arsenal site in May 1778. Since the Museum building burnt down in 1802 the collection has been split between the Old Royal Military Academy and the Rotunda Museum on Woolwich Common. In April 2001 it was reunited in a new Royal Artillery Museum - Firepower - back in the Royal Arsenal. Opening times (April to October 2004) are Wednesday to Sunday 10:30 to 5pm. Details from Tel 020 8855 7755 or www.firepower.org.uk

This is only a selection of the places to visit in the Diocese. If you have favourite places why not write and tell us about them?