

St Leonard's Church in Shoreditch is one of the oldest churches in modern London. The present building of the church was built in 1740, but the original church is known from the 12th century. This church is right next to the place where the first theatre in London was situated and a lot of famous theatrical people are buried in this church. In 1716 the church was partially destroyed. However, it was rebuilt with a new steeple.

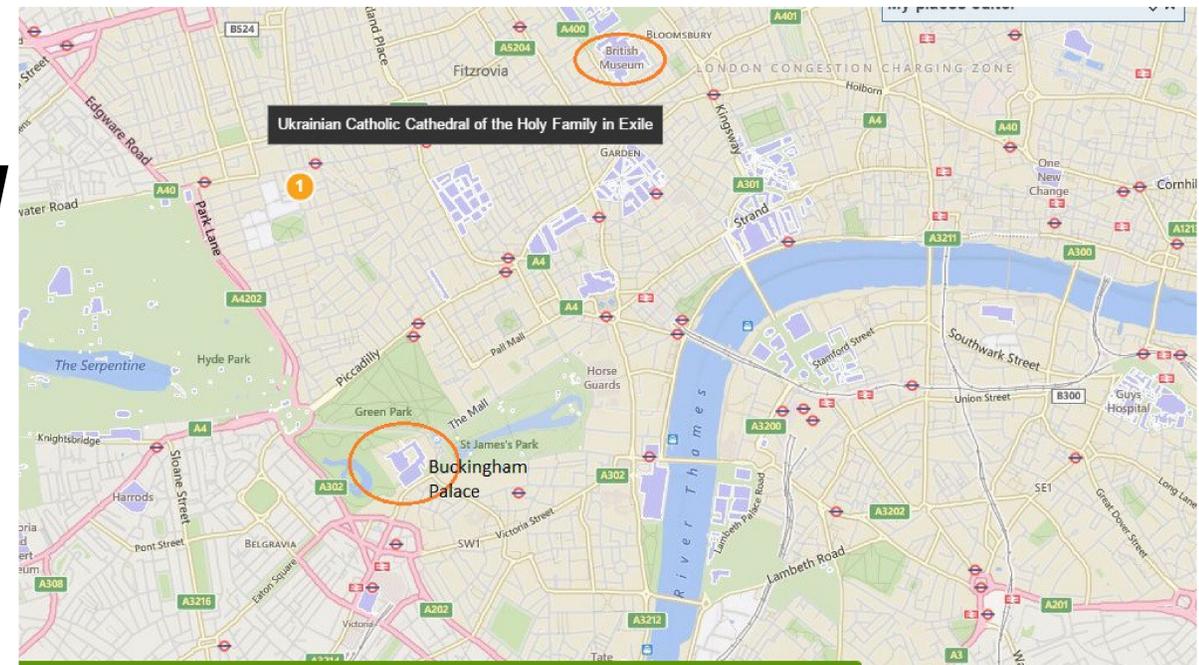


The bells of St Leonard's Church in Shoreditch are represented in the coat of arms of one of London's boroughs (districts) – Hackney.



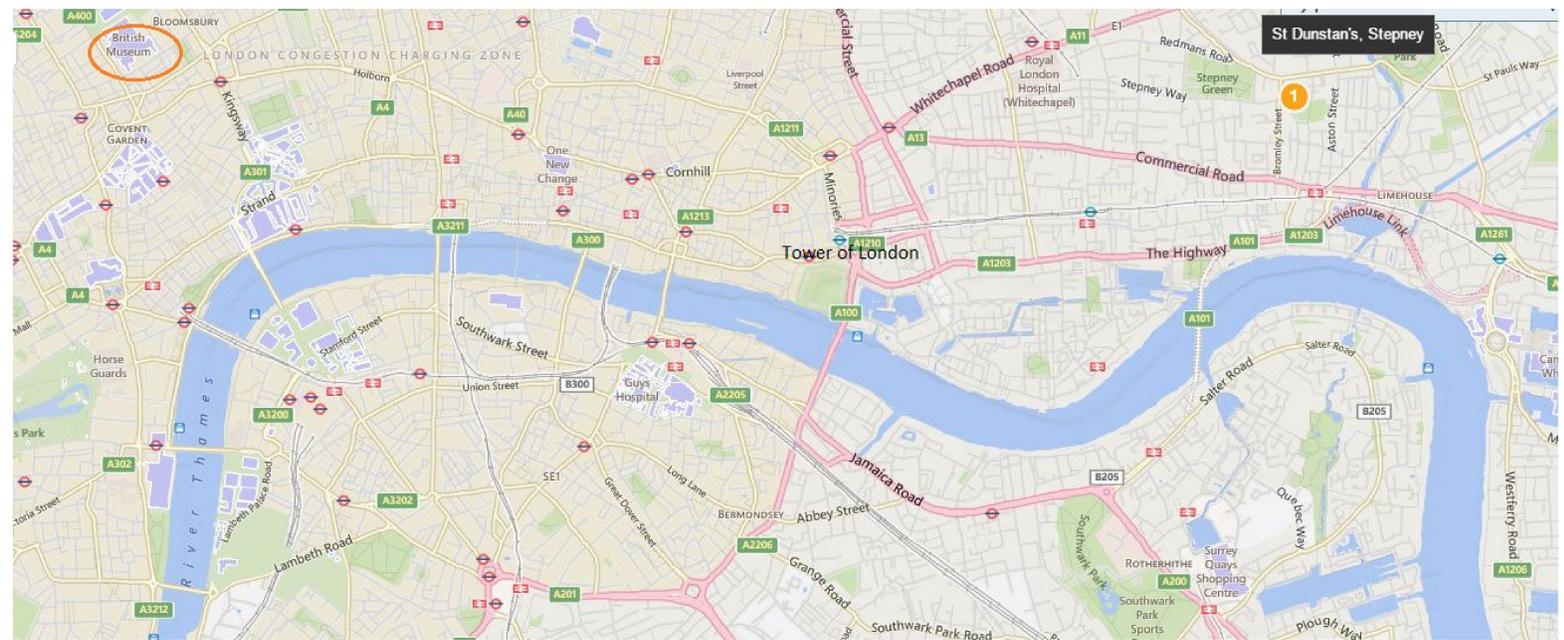


The Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile



It is a Ukrainian church in London. It belongs to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Українська Греко-Католицька Церква). And it is very interesting that this church is situated in the heart of London – in Oxford Street between the Buckingham Palace and the British Museum. The building of the church was built in 1891 and served as a weigh house (будинок зважування).

However, the building was bought by the Ukrainian Catholics in 1967 and now you can hear Ukrainian services there.



Many people believe that this is the oldest church in London because the stone building of this church was built in 1029, nearly one thousand years ago. However, before the stone building there was a wooden building of this church. The church is very close to the river and was very popular among sailors.

There are ten bells in the church and the heaviest is more than 1300 kilograms.



This church is called St Mary-le-Bow, or just Bow, and it is right in the City of London. Many people think that it is the most important church in the City after St Paul's Cathedral. The modern building was rebuilt by the most famous London architect, Sir Christopher Wren. After the Great Fire in 1666 he rebuilt it even earlier than St Paul's Cathedral. Now the church has 12 bells and their sounds are very popular in English culture. Even nowadays the BBC use the recording of Bow Bells before English language broadcasts.

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St Paul's Cathedral is the biggest church in London, and the second biggest in the United Kingdom (after the Liverpool Cathedral). The place where the modern building is situated has been known for many years as the place where the churches stood.

The modern building of St Paul's Cathedral was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1710. Now it is one of the most famous and beautiful buildings in London.

