



# LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

## ST ANDREW HOLBORN

### St Andrew Holborn, Below the Bars

St Andrew Holborn Below the Bars was an ancient parish in the City of London and formed part of Farringdon Without Ward. Each ward has an elected alderman and supporting councilmen in the City of London Corporation which has administered the City since before the Norman Conquest and is still doing so today.

St Andrew Holborn is likely to be the church of St Andrew mentioned in a 951 charter of King Edgar. John Thavie, a local armourer, left his estate towards the support of the fabric of the church in 1348 and it is still used for this purpose. The church survived the Great Fire but it was in a poor condition and a new church was subsequently constructed by Wren - it is the largest of his parish churches. The medieval tower was preserved. Following gutting by German bombs in 1941, the church was rebuilt to Wren's original designs. The church reopened in 1961 as a non-parochial Guild Church and the parish was joined with that of St Bride, Fleet Street.

Records of St Andrew Holborn including baptisms (1558-1889), marriages (1559-1658 and 1754-1952) and burials (1556-1855) are at The London Archives, Ref: P82/AND.

The Society has produced a Parish Guide to Holborn. Holborn was an Ancient Parish which was split between the City of London and the county of Middlesex.



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