

London Trip – Part #2
September 1, 2017 – September 4, 2017

Palace of Westminster – The center for political life is the place for the Houses of Parliament.





Westminster Hall -- Photography was not allowed beyond the oldest part of the Palace. This Hall was built in 1097 and has served for many ceremonial functions.



ON THIS SPOT AWAITING SEPTULURE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.
RESTED, FROM MAY 26 TO 28, 1898.
THE BODY OF
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM Ewart GLADSTONE,
FOUR TIMES PRIME MINISTER.



WINSTON CHURCHILL

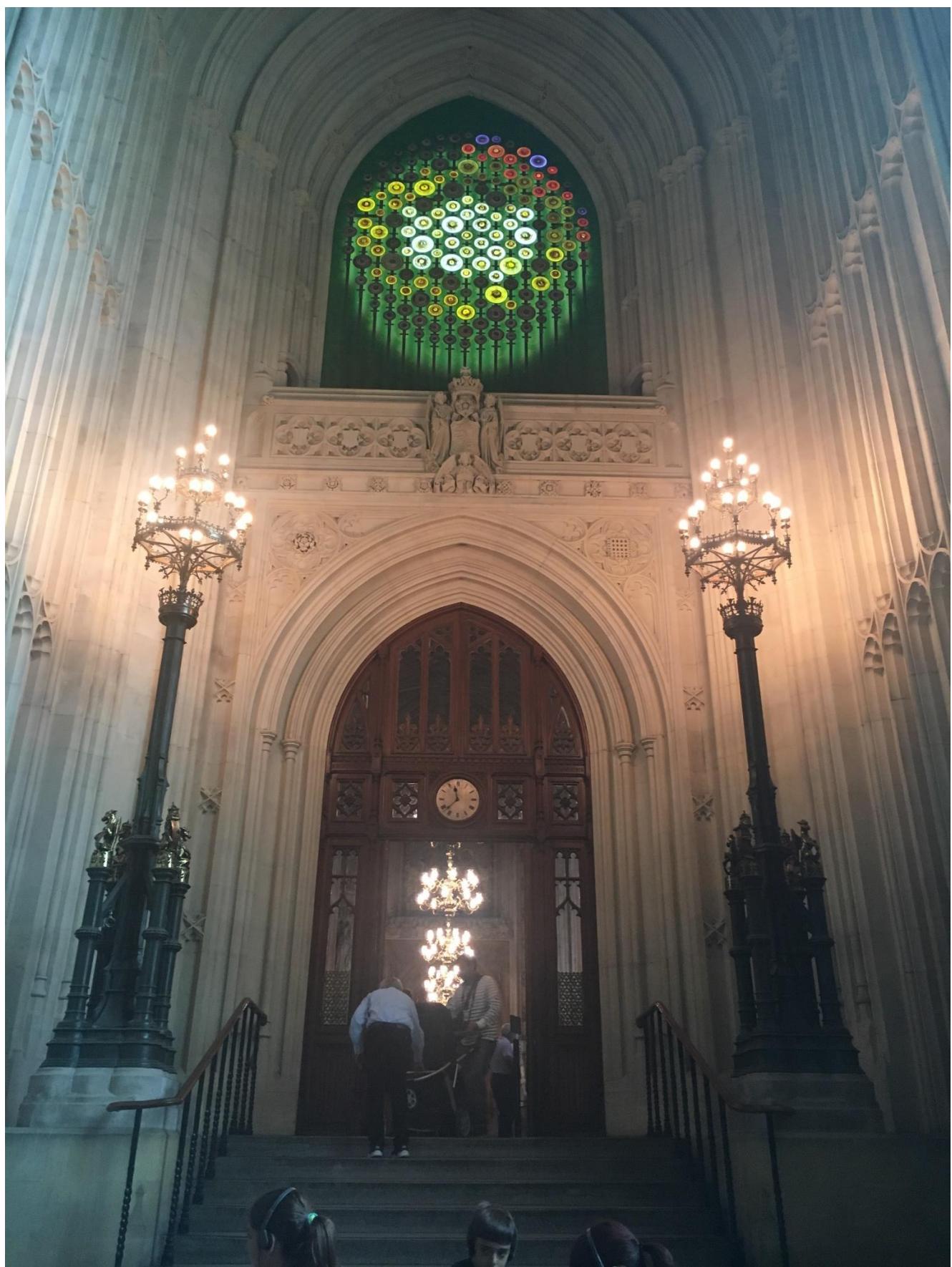
lay in state here

from the Twenty seventh of January until
his burial at Bladon on the Thirtieth of
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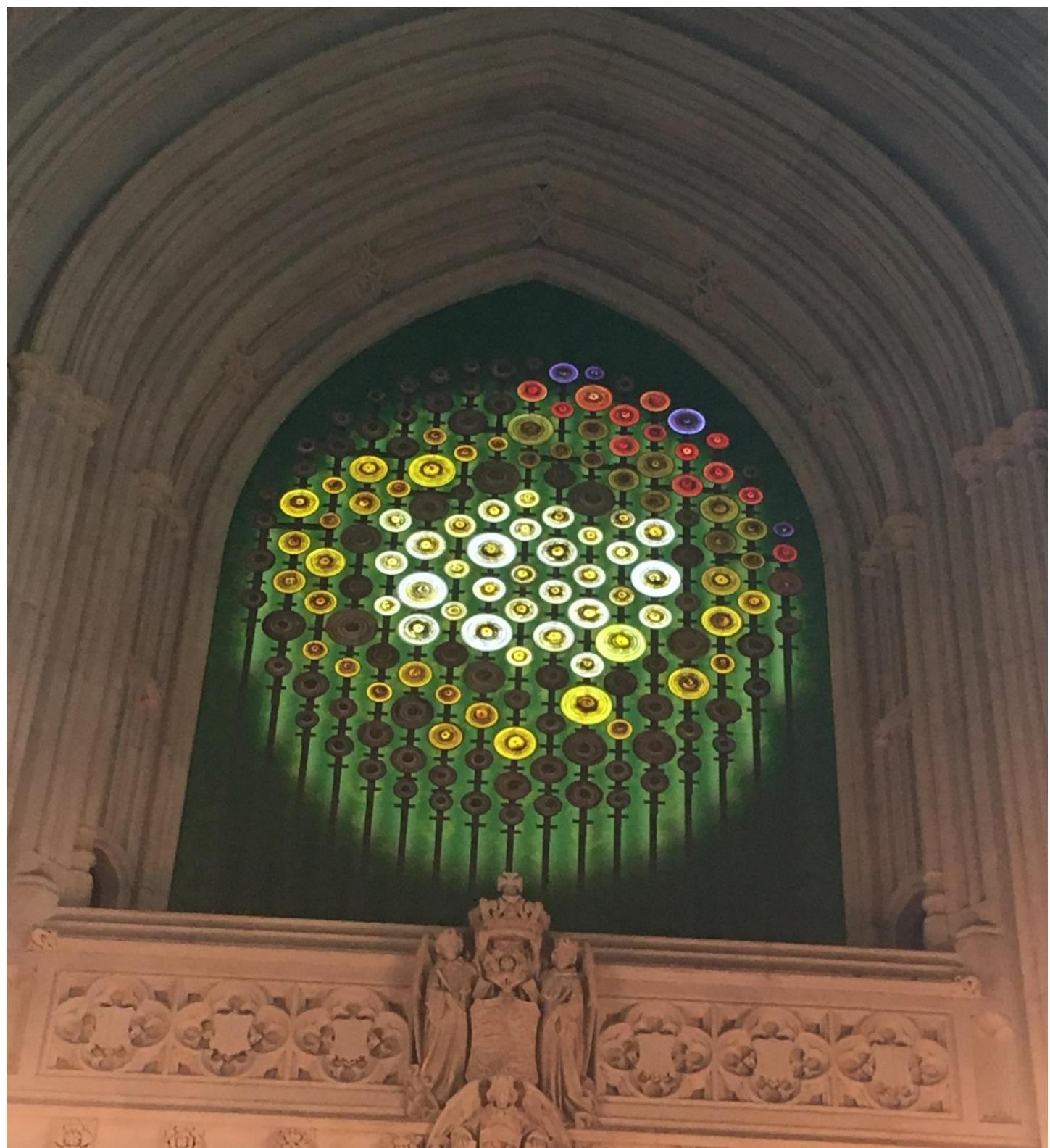
It is a rare privilege for a foreign leader to be allowed to address both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall: Charles de Gaulle in 1960, Nelson Mandela in 1996, Pope Benedict XVI in 2010, Barack Obama in 2011 and the Burmese Leader in 2012.



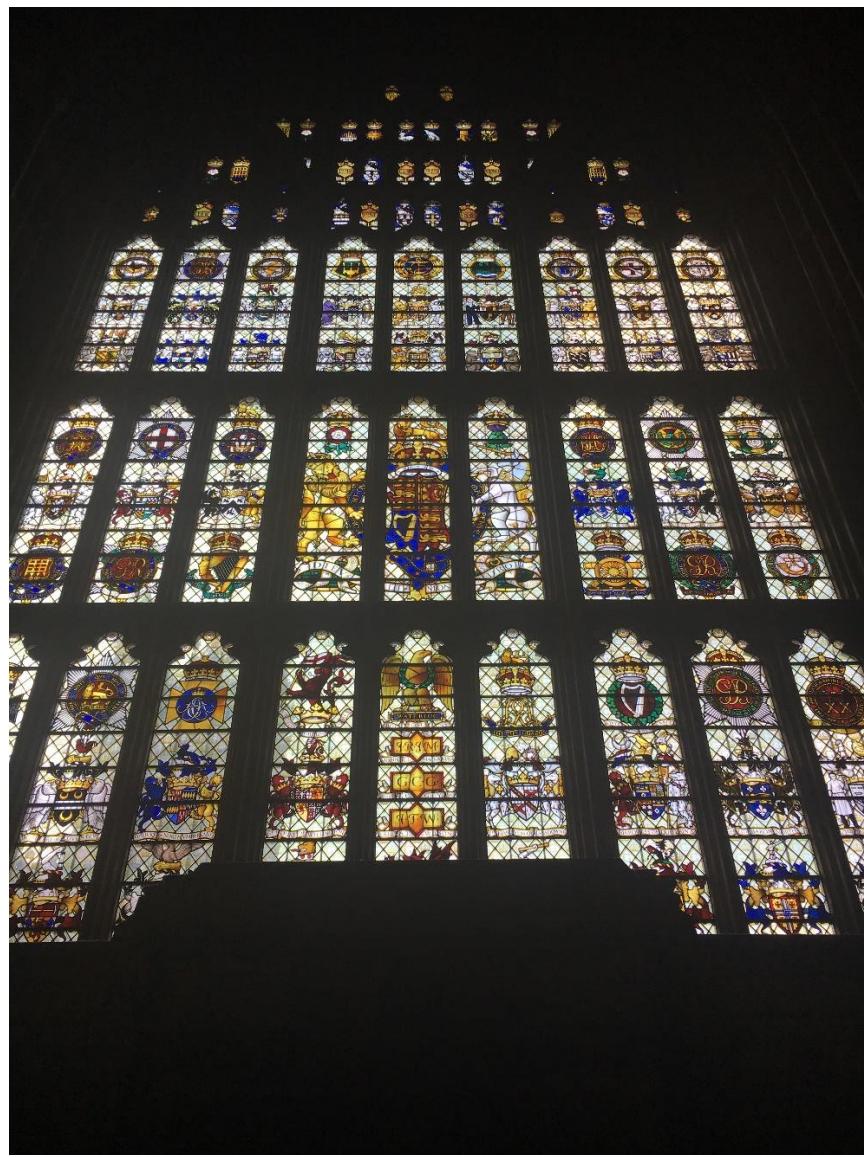
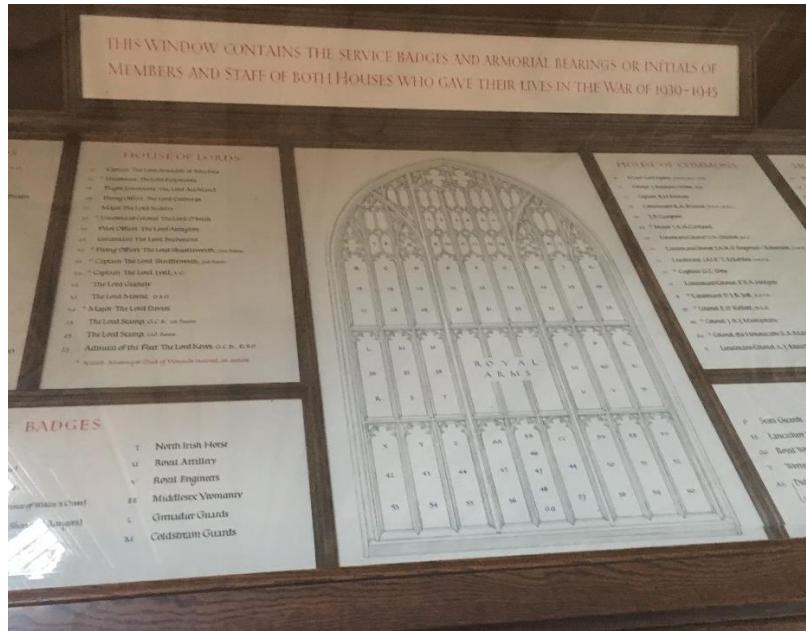
Light Sculpture entitled “New Dawn” located above entrance to St. Stephen’s Hall celebrates all who fought for women’s right to vote. This is the location where suffragettes petitioned Parliament many years ago and were barred from entering any further.



The hand-blown scrolls combine with the rainbow of colors creating a dynamic artwork on a twelve-hour cycle linked to the rise and fall of the tides of the River Thames. Each scroll is individually lit, and the appearance changes every moment.



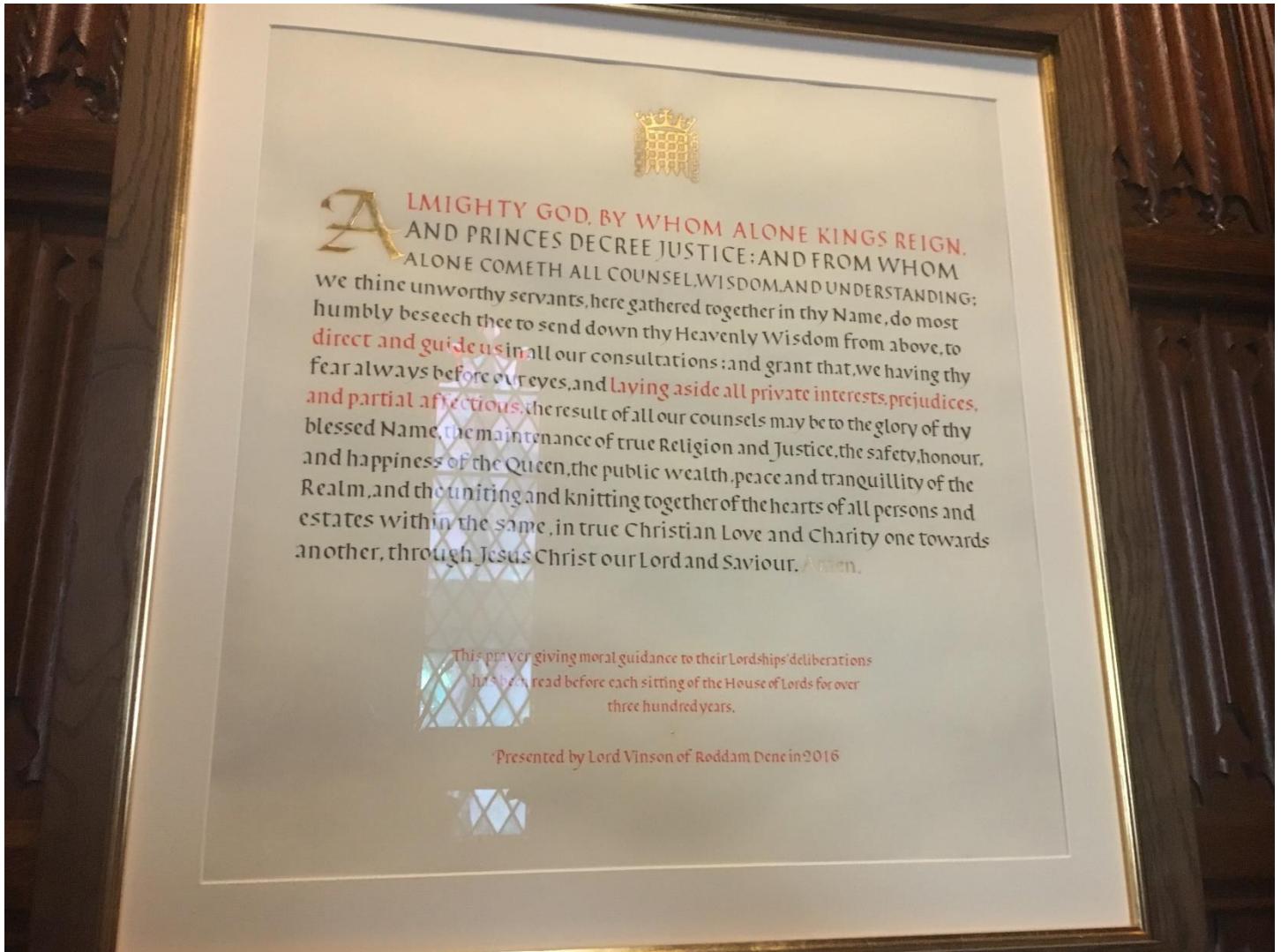
This Stained Glass Window is the main memorial to those who died in World War II. This window replaced the one destroyed in a bombing raid during the War.



The Sovereign of the UK is Queen Elizabeth II and has ultimate power over all political bodies and territories. The Prime Minister, currently Theresa May, is not elected, but appointed by the Monarch and is typically the leader of the political party that holds the largest number of seats in the chamber. The Houses of Parliament consist of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The House of Commons is an elected chamber of 650 representatives, called MPs (Members of Parliament), elected at least once every five years. The House of Lords members include the most senior bishops of the Church of England and life or hereditary peers who are appointed. The two Houses meet in separate chambers in the Palace of Westminster.



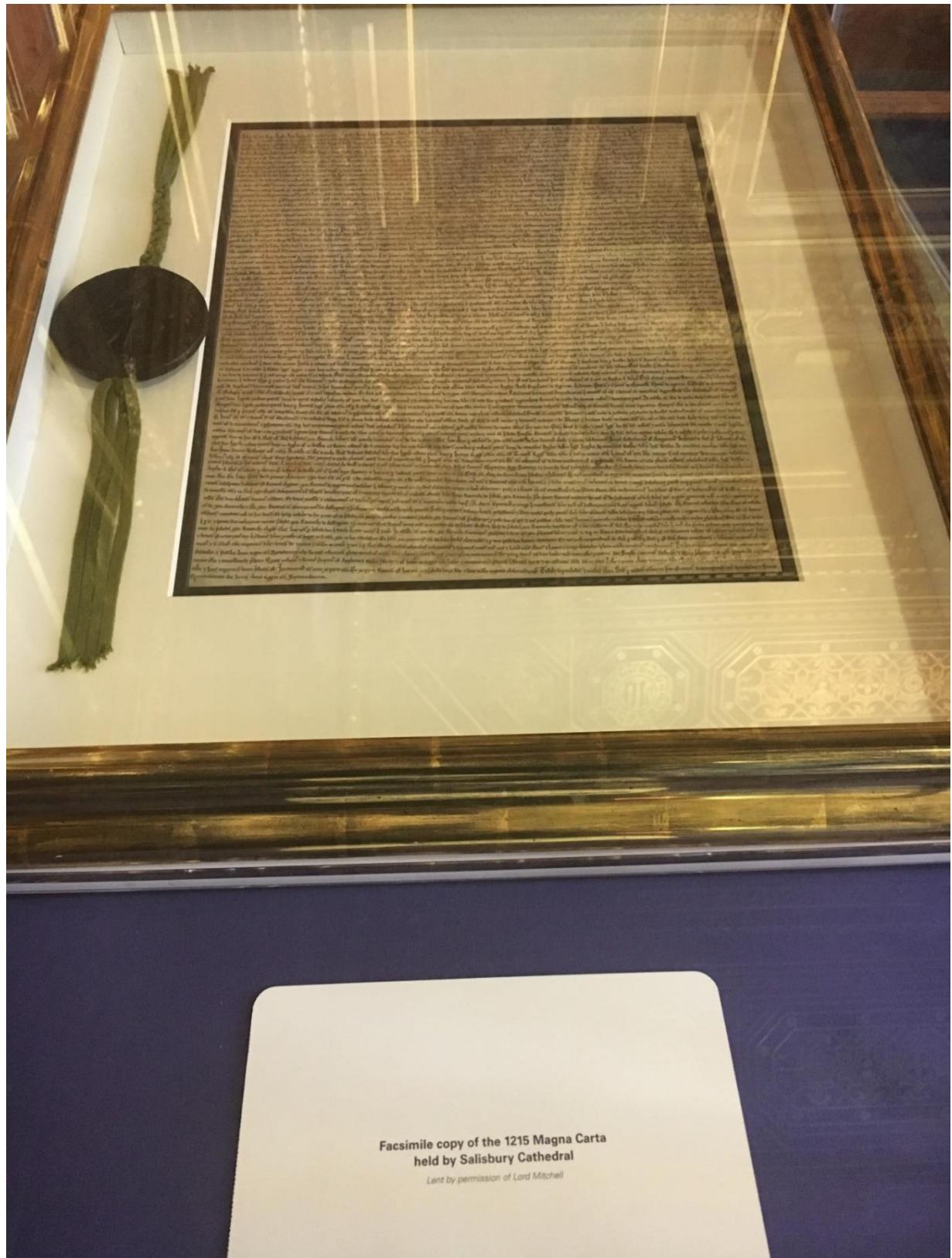
Before every session, this prayer giving moral guidance to their deliberations has been read before each sitting of the Houses of Parliament for over 300 years.



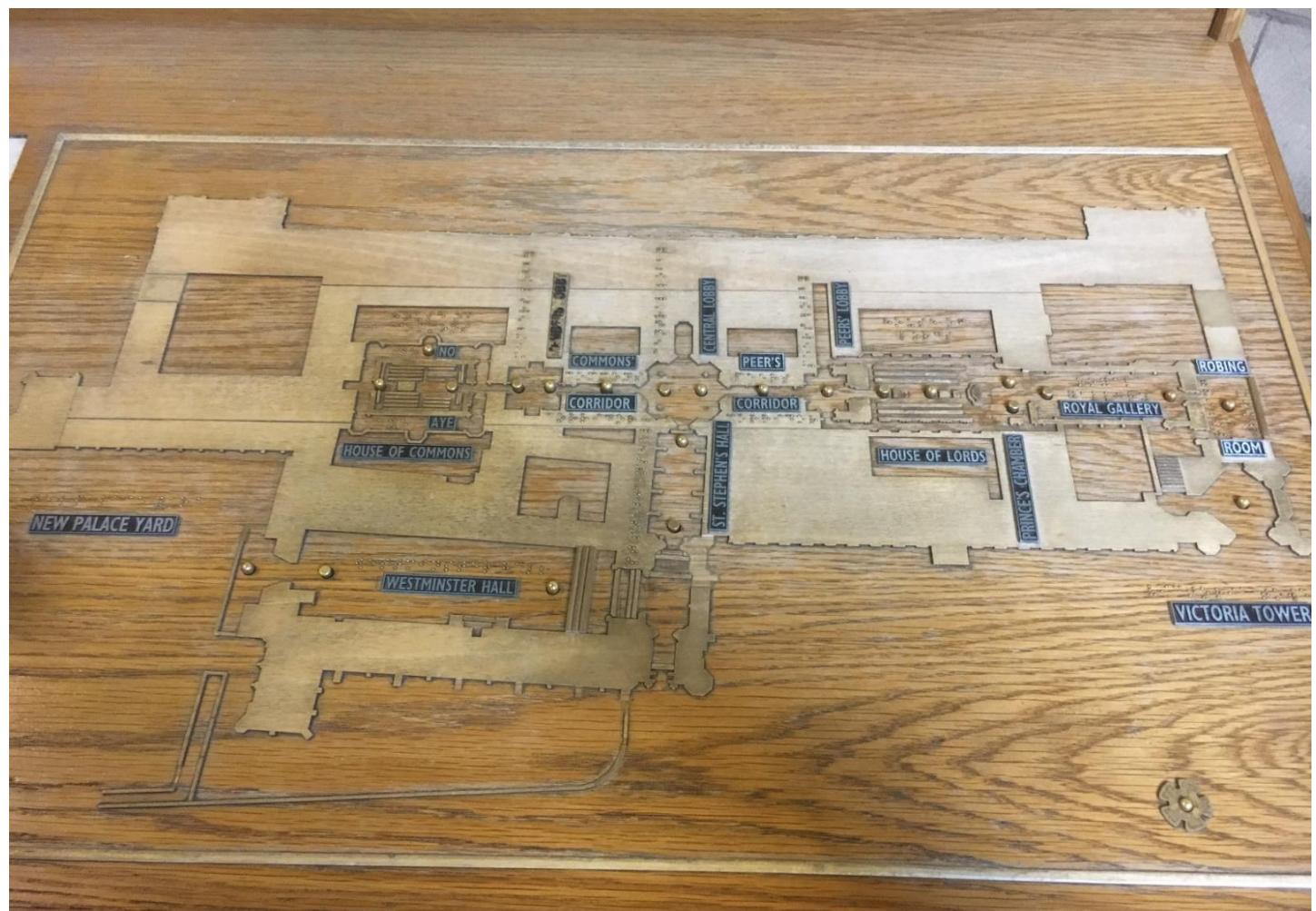
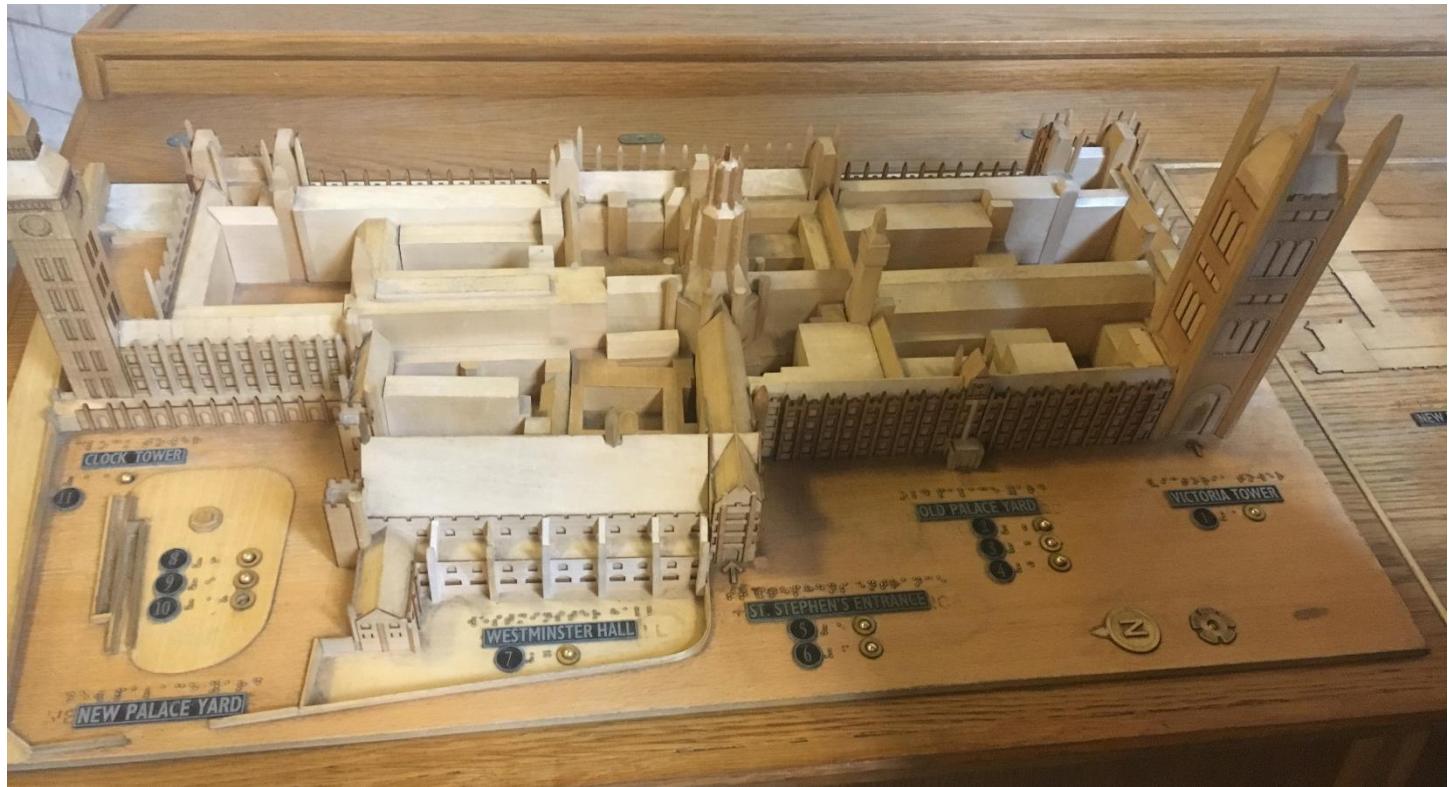
The Robing Room is where the Queen puts on the Imperial State Crown and Official Robes prior to the annual State Opening of Parliament. The Chair of State sits on a dais of three steps, under a canopy adorned with arms and floral emblems of England, Scotland, and Ireland.



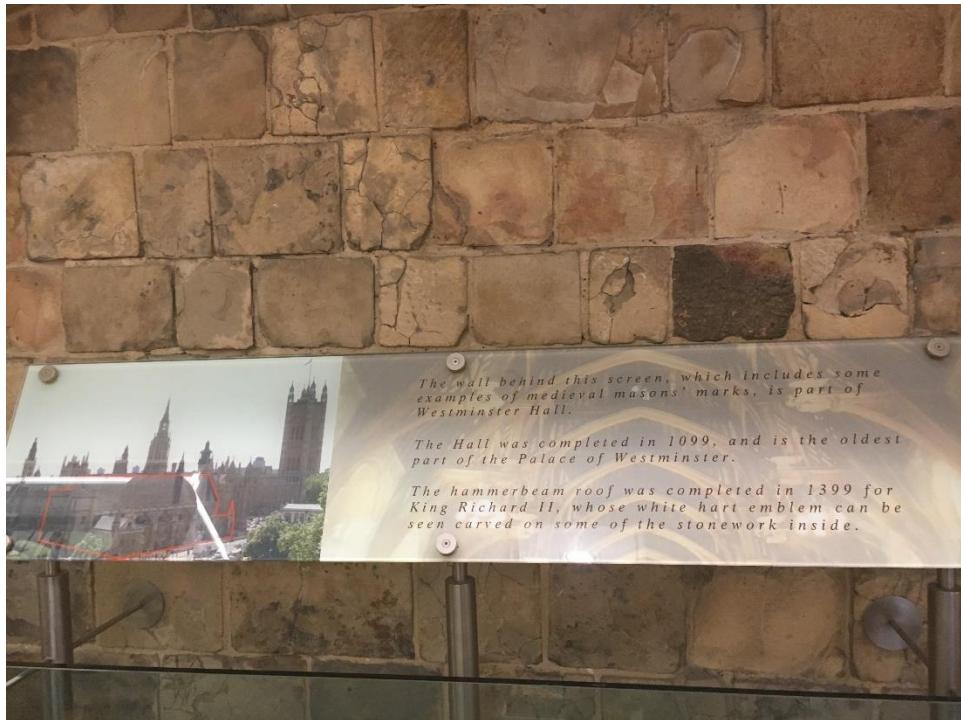
Magna Carta is one of the most famous documents in the world. It was originally issued in June 1215 with principle that the King and his government was not above the law. Although almost all the clauses have since been repealed in modern time, Magna Carta remains a cornerstone of the British constitution. Some of Magna Carta's core principles are echoed in the US Bill of Rights. Like other royal charters, it was authenticated and affixed with the Royal Great Seal made with beeswax attached by light green silk. Only four copies of the agreement remain today. A copy of the original located in Salisbury Cathedral is displayed here in the Houses of Parliament.



The Palace of Westminster contains over 1,100 rooms, 100 staircases and 3 miles of passageways spread over four floors.



Westminster Hall was completed in 1099 and is the oldest part of the Palace of Westminster. The stone wall includes examples of medieval masons' marks.



Cruising on the River Thames – At 215 miles, it is the longest river entirely in England.



London Eye from the River Thames



Big Ben from the River Thames



Shakespeare's Iconic Globe Theater from the River Thames



London's Shard of Glass, a 95 story skyscraper, is the tallest building in the UK and is 95% owned by the State of Qatar.



Iconic Photo of Tower Bridge with Red Double Decker Bus – Often mistaken for London Bridge, the next bridge upstream. In 1968, a US man bought the old London Bridge believing he was in fact buying Tower Bridge is now located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We were lucky to take this photo with a famous Red Double Decker Bus crossing the bridge.



Tower of London from River Thames – This historic castle was founded in 1066 as part of the Norman Conquest of England and home to the Crown Jewels of England since 1669. The Tower of London has played a prominent role in English History. It was used as a prison from 1100 to 1952, although that was not its primary purpose. The phrase, “Sent to the Tower” comes from here since its reputation as a place of torture and death.



Eating Fish and Chips in London





Great Fire of London Monument – A permanent reminder of the Great Fire of 1666 built to celebrate the rebuilding of the city. The Great Fire began in a baker's house and was finally extinguished three days later after destroying the greater part of the city. The only buildings to survive in part were those built of stone. The Monument is 202 feet tall, the exact distance between it and where the fire began. There is a viewing platform near the top of the Monument reached by a narrow winding staircase of 311 steps with great views of the city of London.



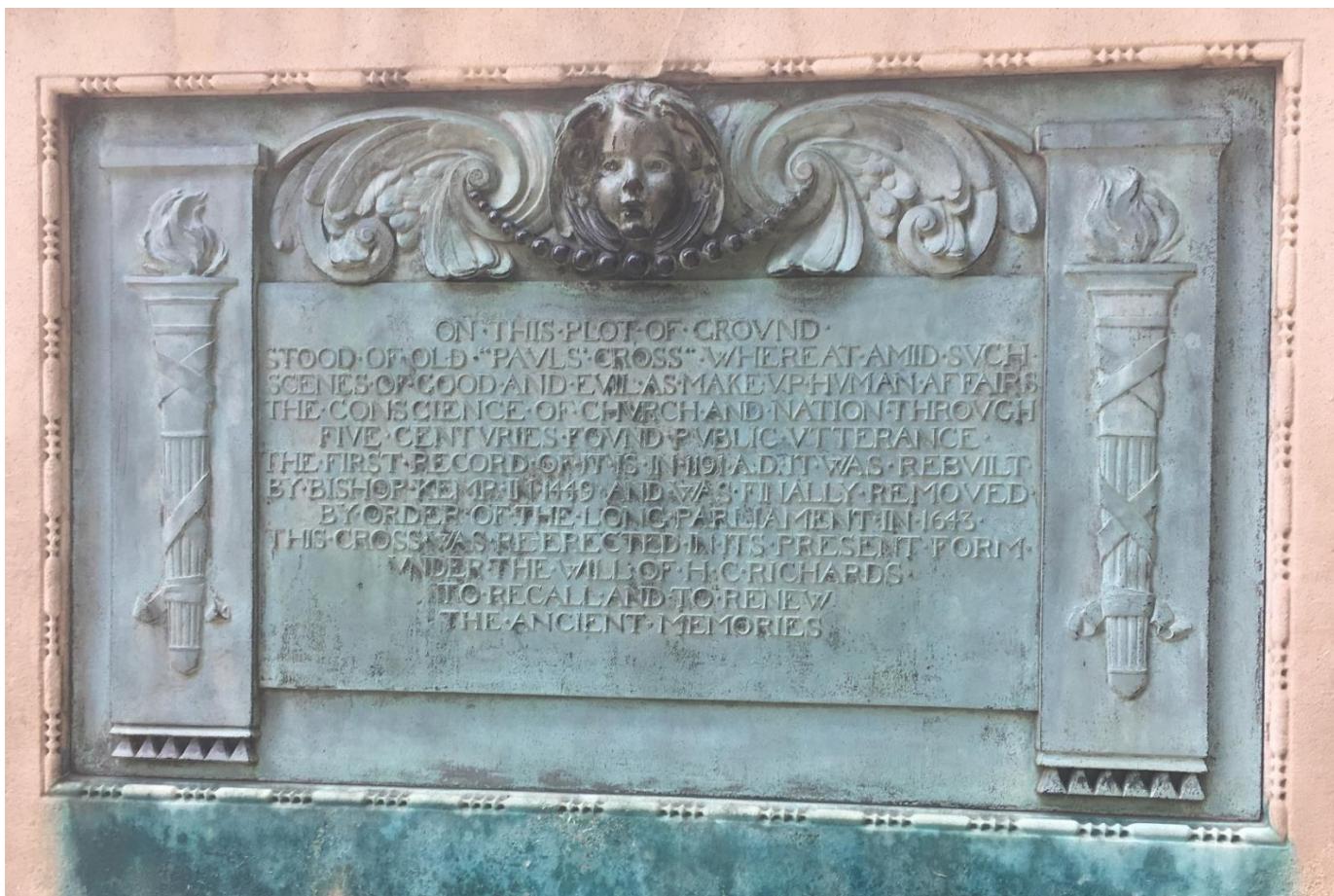
St. Paul's Cathedral Church – This Anglican Cathedral was the location of the Fairytale Wedding of the Century of Prince Charles and Lady Diana in 1981.



Bridal Photo Shoot in front of St. Paul's Cathedral



Tom Cruise recently filmed a scene from Mission Impossible 6 jumping from the top of St. Paul's Cathedral and broke his foot.

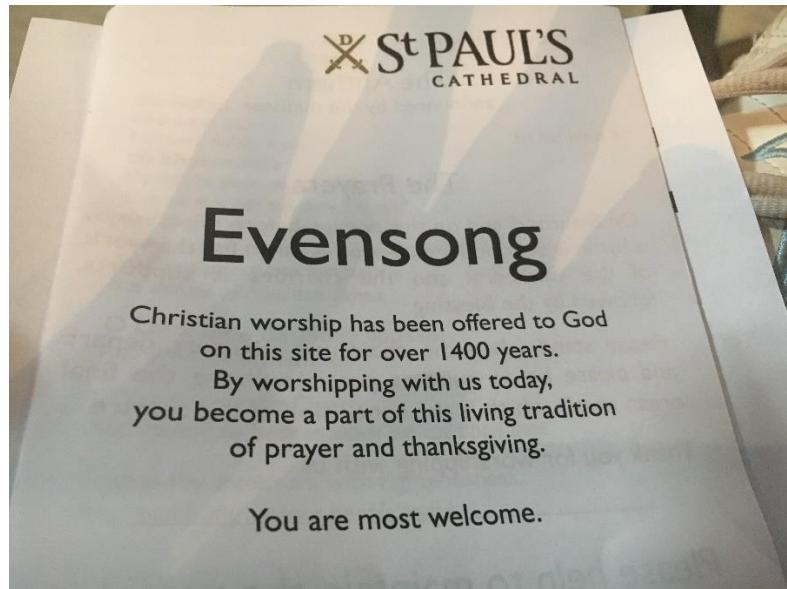




Sitting waiting for the Choral Evensong Services to begin facing the High Altar.



We attended the Choral Evensong Services at St. Paul's Cathedral – Led almost entirely by music from the choir singing the psalms for that day. The Services take place in the stalls of the quire near the high altar. I snuck in a few pics during the services.







Facing the Choir which includes students from St. Paul's Cathedral School – The music was heavenly!



One of the Women Priest Leading the Service – The Church of England began ordaining women as priests in 1994.

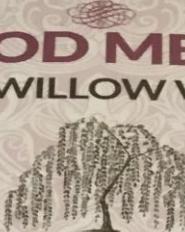


St. Paul's High Altar – Designed by Sir Christopher Wren of four pillars of Greek marble under a magnificent Baldacchino.



The Willow Walk Pub – We walked in and sat down for quite awhile without getting any table service but saw many around us getting service. We didn't understand that you had to order your food from their Table Service App only available from your phone! Guess this is the new way to eat in Restaurants!

FOOD MENU
THE WILLOW WALK



Willow Walk was originally the causeway across the marshy ground leading to Westminster Abbey. By the 18th century, the causeway had been replaced by the tree-lined thoroughfare called Willow Walk, in the area which was to become known as Victoria.

TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST Breakfast served until 12 noon £4.95

TAKE-AWAY FILTER COFFEE AND TEA* £1.10

SMALL PLATES CHOOSE ANY 3 FOR £12

FRESHLY BAKED THIN-CRUST, WITH FRESH TOPPINGS from £5.99

DELI DEALS® All meals include a drink. **INCLUDES A DRINK** with soft drink* £6.05 each with alcoholic drink* £7.55 each

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OVER 30 MEALS INCLUDE A DRINK **INCLUDES A DRINK**

DESSERTS CHOOSE ANY 2 FOR £6

Food served until 11pm – children's menu available

HOW TO ORDER YOUR FOOD

gbr Find a vacant table and note its number. Place your order at the bar and pay. Your order will be brought to your table. Please purchase drinks at the bar.

deu Setzen Sie sich bitte an einen freien Tisch, und merken Sie sich die Tischnummer. Bestellen und zahlen Sie bitte an der Bar. Ihre Bestellung wird Ihnen am Tisch serviert. Kaufen Sie Ihre Getränke bitte an der Bar.

esp Siérvase encontrar una mesa desocupada y tome nota de su número de mesa. Haga su pedido en el bar y pague. Su pedido será llevado a su mesa. Por favor, siérvase comprar sus bebidas en la barra.

ita Occupate un tavolo libero ed annotatene il numero. Consegnate la vostra ordinazione al bar e pagate. L'ordinazione vi sarà portata al tavolo. Le bibite possono essere acquistate solo al bar.

fra Veillez trouver une table libre et munissez-vous du numéro. Puis, passez votre commande et régler la au bar. Votre commande sera servie à votre table. Veuillez acheter vos boissons au bar.

prt Encontre uma mesa vazia e anote o seu número. Faça o seu pedido e pague por ele no bar. O seu pedido será trazido à sua mesa. Por favor compre as bebidas no bar.

pol Znajdz wolny stolik i zapamiętaj numer. Złoż zamówienie i zapłać przy barze. Zamówienie będzie dostarczone do stołka. Proszę pamiętać, aby zabrać napoje z baru.

rus Найдите свободный столик и запомните его номер. Разместите своё заказ у барной стойки и оплатите его. Ваш заказ приведут к столу. Напитки покупаются у барной стойки.

chn 找到一个空餐桌，并记下号码。在吧台上点菜并付费。你点的东西会被送到你的桌子上。请在吧台购买饮料。

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Order and pay from your phone, then relax – your food and/or drinks will be brought to your table.
Available on the App Store and Google Play™.

Alternatively, please note your table number and place your order at the bar.

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We returned to Westminster Cathedral for Sunday Mass. The Throne at the High Altar is the Archbishop's Throne copied from St. John Lateran's in Rome.



Death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor – September 1, 2017 – Archbishop of Westminster from 2000 to 2009. He was buried in Westminster Cathedral under the 10th Station of the Cross because he was the 10th Archbishop of Westminster. He was named Cardinal in 2001.

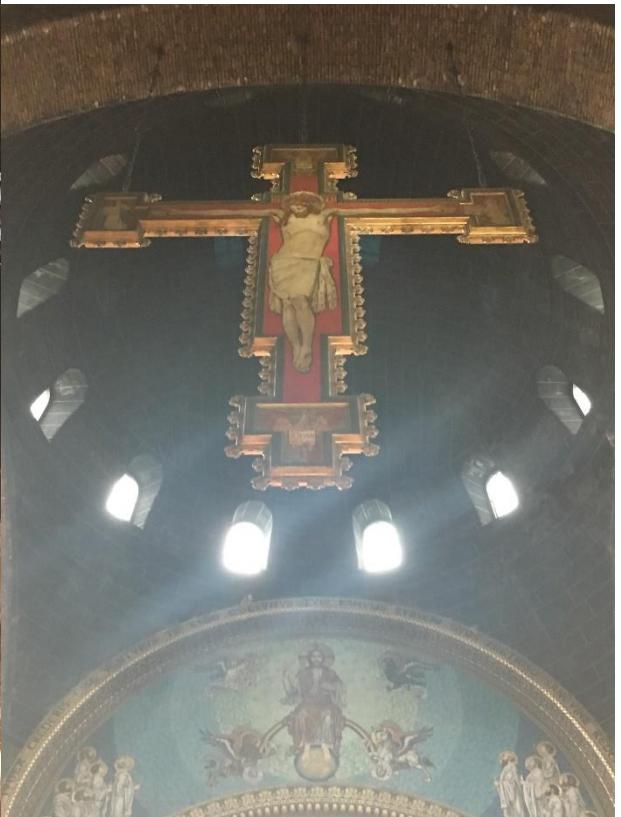


We Signed the Memorial Book on Behalf of Babin Family from the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, La, USA



Our friend Kristen, who once lived near here in London, recommended we view the backside of the rather large wooden cross hanging suspended in the sanctuary above the altar at Westminster Cathedral. She didn't tell us what it had, just that we "had to see it" from behind!

Front of Cross



Back of Cross – Thanks for the great tip Kristen!!!

