

St Bride Library may have been around for a very long time, and house some rather old books in a particularly quirky building, but don't think it only serves those with a theoretical interest in typography and its history. The Library also has a role within the modern printing and graphics industries and caters for current practitioners from every branch of the trade who are served by librarians who know about print, both its past and present, and who have an empirical knowledge of the collection. St Bride was opened in 1895. It was both a technical library and printing school; the school eventually moved out and is now the London College of Communication. From the beginning St Bride not only served the printing trade but was also a great collection of typographic literature incorporating the library of William Blades, master printer and author of a study of William Caxton. Other important collections were added to the library, including those of Talbot Baines Reed, a type founder and historian, and John Southward, a technical print journalist. These initial purchases gave the library the basis of an excellent compilation of early printing, as well as unrivalled collections of catalogues, prospectuses and specimens. Today, the Library covers all aspects of printing: paper and binding; graphic design, typography, typefaces and calligraphy; illustration; publishing and bookselling; and the production and economic side of printing and its allied trades.

St Bride Library

St Bride continues to develop its position as the definitive source for typographic information and the world's foremost printing, technical and graphic arts library. When printing technology has been changing at an unprecedented pace, the collections at St Bride provide an increasingly important focal point both for the modern industry, and for the study of the traditional means by which words and images have been reproduced and distributed. But St Bride is not just about books; it is also about people. One of the delights of the Library is you never know whom you are going to meet round its reading-room table: a type designer working on a new font; a print manager checking the latest legislation; someone scouring the job ads in one of the trade journals; students working on a project; or members of the London Press Club, IP3, or Printing Historical Society gathering for a meeting. St Bride is a rendezvous for anyone interested in the graphic and typographic arts. Locate in the traditional heart of the printing and publishing industry, it is a place where anyone from home and abroad with either a professional or passing interest in print can meet and where all aspects of the cultural, practical and technical achievements of the industry can be studied.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT



Area map

Fleet Street, Ludgate Circus & St Pauls Cathedral

Fleet Street, Ludgate Circus and St Pauls Cathedral are just a few minutes walk from St Bride Library. A wide selection of pubs, bars and restaurants can be found in these areas that cater for most palets and all pockets. During lunch time, most places are full of city workers, but in the evening they tend to be a bit quieter. Below is a small selection of tried and tested eating establishments that can be found just a few minutes away from St Bride.

PUBS & BARS

The Crown & Sugarloaf
98–99 Fleet Street, EC4

Old Bell
95 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7583 0216

Punch Tavern
99 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7353 6658

Tipperary
66 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7583 6470

Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese
Wine Office Court
145 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7353 6170

Ye Olde Cock Tavern
22 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7353 3454

All Bar One
44–46 Ludgate Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7653 9901

Bell, Book & Candle
42 Ludgate Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7248 1852

Jamies Bar
34 Ludgate Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7489 1938

Blackfriar
174 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7236 5474

Harrow
22 Whitefriars Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7427 0911

Metropolis Bar & Grill
2 Old Change Court,

Peter's Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7236 5318

O'Neills
2/3 New Bridge Street
Blackfriars, EC4

Old Bank of England
194, Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7430 2255

Rising Sun
61, Carter Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7248 4544

Ryans Bar
56 Carter Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7236 2417

La Grande Marque
47 Ludgate Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7329 6709

El Vino
47 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7353 6786

The Press House
Bride Lane, EC4

Corney & Barrow
3 Fleet Place, EC4M 7RD
Telephone 020 7329 3141

RESTAURANTS

Brodies
Christ Church Court, Rose Street,
Paternoster Square, EC4
Telephone 020 7600 5500

Evangelist
33 Blackfriars Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7213 0740

Paternoster Chop House
Warwick Court,
Paternoster Square, EC4
Telephone 020 7029 9400

Bengal Tiger
62–66 Carter Lane, EC4V 5EA
Telephone 020 7248 6361

Chi Noodle & Wine Bar
5 New Bridge Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7353 2409

Da Vinci
42-44 Carter Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7236 3938

Harry's Bar Pizzeria
15 Blackfriar's Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7329 0240

Moshi Moshi Sushi
7–8 Limeburner Lane, EC4
Telephone 020 7248 1808

Perc%ento
26 Ludgate Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7778 0010

Refectory Restaurant
St Paul's Cathedral,
St Paul's Churchyard, EC4
Telephone 020 7246 8300

Refettorio
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
19 New Bridge Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7438 8052

Reuters Refresh
82 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7427 9888

Shaw's Booksellers
31-34 St Andrew Hill, EC4
Telephone 020 7489 7999

Strada
4 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4
Telephone 020 7248 7178

Wagamama
109 Fleet Street, EC4
Telephone 020 7583 7889

PLACES OF INTEREST

St Bride is ideally located for visiting many of London's landmarks. Chief amongst the local attractions are:

The London Eye [£12.50 ADULT]
Riverside Building, County Hall Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
The British Airways London Eye forms a major feature of London's skyline. It is the world's highest observation wheel and offers passengers spectacular views of over 55 of London's most famous landmarks in just 30 minutes.

Somerset House [£5.00 ADULT]
The Strand, WC2
Somerset House is home to the Courtauld Institute of Art's collection of world famous paintings; the Gilbert Collection of decorative arts; and an exhibition of treasures from the State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. There is also a public promenade, with an open-air restaurant. The Seamen's Hall, Nelson Stair, Commissioner's Barge and interpretation gallery are free of charge. Christmas Ice Rink from 27 November–30 January.

Dali Universe [£8.50 ADULT]
County Hall Gallery , Riverside Building, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
London's most surreal experience lies in a labyrinth of dreamlike corridors and interactive spaces in the heart of the South Bank. The Dali Universe is an innovative permanent 3,000 square metre exhibition, dedicated to the awe-inspiring works of Salvador Dali.

HMS Belfast [£8.00 ADULT]
Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street, SE1
World War II cruiser weighing 11,500 tonnes, now a floating naval museum, with 9 decks to explore, from the Captain's Bridge to the Boiler and Engine rooms well below the ship's waterline. Other areas include the mess-decks, galley, sick bay, operations room and the 6-inch gun turrets.

St Paul's Cathedral [£7.00 ADULT]
St Paul's Church Yard, EC4
Wren's famous cathedral church incorporating the Crypt, Ambulatory and Whispering Gallery. Those who wish to pray at times when there is an admission charge may use St Dunstan's Chapel (free at any time). Entrance price includes visit to the Crypt, Ambulatory and Galleries.

Millennium Bridge [FREE]
The Millennium Bridge links St Paul's Cathedral on the north bank with Tate Modern and Shakespeare's Globe in Southwark. It is the capital's first dedicated pedestrain bridge and central London's first new river crossing since Tower Bridge was opened in 1894

Tate Modern [FREE]
Bankside, SE1
The Tate Modern, Britain's national museum of modern art is housed in a former Power Station, on the banks of the Thames. The gallery displays a collection of international modern and contemporary art, including major works by Matisse, Picasso and Rothko and contemporary work by artists such as Matthew Barney, Chris Ofili and Gerhard Richter.

Prince Henry's Room [FREE]
17 Fleet Street, EC4
One of the few buildings left untouched by the Great Fire of London in 1666. There is a collection of items on loan from the Pepys Society and original wood panelling. Also has one of the best remaining Jacobean-enriched plaster ceilings in London.

Clerkenwell, Farringdon & Smithfield

Clerkenwell, Farringdon & Smithfield are a 10–15 minute walk north of St Bride. The number 63 bus from New Bridge Street will take you to the area or a taxi is a 5 minute ride and costs £4.

BRITISH

City Rhodes

1 New Street Square, EC4

Telephone 020 7583 1313

LUNCH noon–1430

DINNER 1800–2100

Main course £14.50–£23.50

Tube: Chancery Lane/Blackfriars

Quality Chop House

94 Farringdon Road, EC1

Telephone 020 7837 5093

LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1830–2230

Main course £6.75–£23.50

Tube: Farringdon

St John

26 St John Street, EC1

Telephone 020 7251 0848

LUNCH 1200–1500

DINNER 1800–2300

Main course £10–£16

Tube: Farringdon

Top Floor at Smiths
67–77 Charterhouse Street, EC1
Telephone 020 7236 6666
LUNCH 1200–1430

DINNER 1800–2230

Main course £14.50

Tube: Farringdon

Smiths of Smithfield
67–77 Charterhouse Street, EC1
Telephone 020 7236 6666
LUNCH 1200–1430

DINNER 1800–2230

Main course £9.50–£11.50

Tube: Farringdon

FISH

Rudland & Stubbs
35–37 Greenhill Rents
Cowcross Street, EC1
Telephone 020 7253 0148
LUNCH noon–1445

DINNER 1800–2245

Main courses: £7.50–£20.00

Tube: Farringdon

Southwark, London Bridge & Waterloo

Southwark, London Bridge and Waterloo are 15 minutes walk south of St Bride. The 45, 63, 100 buses run from New Bridge Street to Southwark; the 17 runs from Ludgate Hill to London Bridge; and 4, 26, 76 or 172 bus go from Fleet Street to Waterloo Station. A taxi will take 5 minutes and will cost approximately £4.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN

Baltic

74 Blackfriars Road, SE1

Telephone 020 7928 1111

LUNCH SERVED noon–1500

DINNER SERVED 1800–2300

Main courses: £11.00–£12.50

Tube: Southwark

FISH

Livebait

41–45 The Cut, SE1

Telephone 020 7928 7211

LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1730–2330

Main courses: £12.95–£28.00

Tube: Southwark, Waterloo

Steam Bubble & Shell
50–52 Long Lane, EC1
Telephone 020 7796 0070
MEALS SERVED noon–midnight

Main courses: £7.95–£19.25

Tube: Barbican, Farringdon

FRENCH

Café de Marché
22 Charterhouse Square
Charterhouse Mews, EC1
Telephone 020 7608 1609
LUNCH noon–1430

DINNER 1800–2200

Set meal: £24.95 for 3 courses

Tube: Farringdon

Club Gascon
57 West Smithfield, EC1
Telephone 020 7769 0600
LUNCH noon–1430

DINNER 1800–2300

Set meal: £30.00 for 5 courses

Tube: Farringdon

Maison Novelli
29–30 Clerkenwell Green, EC1
Telephone 020 7251 6606
LUNCH noon–1500

ANEXO

BRITISH

Fish!
3b Belverdere Road, SE1
Telephone 020 7234 3333
MEALS SERVED 1130–2230

Main courses: £8.50–£16.95

Tube: Waterloo

Masters Super Fish
191 Waterloo Road, SE1
Telephone 020 7928 6924
LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1730–2230

Main courses: £7.00–£13.00

Tube: Waterloo

FRENCH / MODERN EUROPEAN

RSJ
13a Coin Street, SE1
Telephone 020 7928 4554
LUNCH noon–1400

DINNER 1730–2300

Main courses: £11.95–£17.95

Tube: Waterloo

Tate Modern Cafe: Level 2
Tate Modern, Sumner Street, SE1
Telephone 020 7401 5014
LUNCH 1130–1500

DINNER 1830–2130

DINNER 1800–2300
Main courses: £14.50–£22.50

Tube: Farringdon

JAPANESE/ORIENTAL

Yo! Sushi/Yo! Below
95 Farringdon Road, EC1
Telephone 020 7841 0790
MEALS SERVED noon–2300

Main courses: £6.50–£7.00

Tube: Farringdon

Cicada
132–136 St John Street, EC1
Telephone 020 7608 1550
LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1800–2300

Main courses: £8.00–£11.00

Tube: Farringdon

SPANISH

Anexo Bar & Restaurant
63b Clerkenwell Road, EC1
Telephone 020 7250 3401
LUNCH noon–1430

DINNER 1830–2230

Main courses: £5.95–£9.95

Tube: Farringdon

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Oxo Tower Bar & Brasserie
Oxo Tower, Bargehouse Street, SE1
Telephone 020 7803 3888
LUNCH noon–1530

DINNER 1730–2300

Main courses: £13.50–£16.00

Tube: Waterloo

INTERNATIONAL

Laughing Gravy
154 Blackfriars Road, SE1
Telephone 020 7721 7055
MEALS SERVED noon–2300

Main courses: £10.25–£14.45

Tube: Waterloo

Waterloo Bar & Kitchen
131 Waterloo Road, SE1
Telephone 020 7928 5086
LUNCH noon–1445

DINNER 1730–2230

Main course: £10.00–£12.00

Tube: Waterloo

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Soho & China Town

Soho and China Town are a 30 minute walk west of St Bride. The number 15 or 23 bus from Fleet Street will take you to Picadilly Circus. A taxi will take 15 minutes and will cost about £12

BRASSERIES

Bar du Marché
19 Berwick Street, W1
Telephone 020 7734 4606
MEALS SERVED noon–2300

Main courses: £6.95–£12.50

Tube: Picadilly Circus

Café Boheme
13 Old Compton Street, W1
Telephone 020 7734 0623
MEALS SERVED 0800–0300

Main courses: £7.00–£12.50

Tube: Picadilly Circus

BRITISH

Atlantic Bar & Grill
20 Glass House Street, W1
Telephone 020 7734 4888
LUNCH 1200–1500

DINNER 1800–2330

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Covent Garden

Covent Garden is a 25 minute walk west of St Bride. The number 11,15,or 23 bus from Fleet Street will take you to the Strand and Charing Cross. A taxi will take 10 minutes and will cost approximately £8.

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AFRICAN

Calabash
The Africa Centre
38 Kings Street WC2
Telephone 020 7836 1976
LUNCH 1230–1430

DINNER 1800–2230

Main courses: £4.50–£7.50

Tube: Covent Garden

FRENCH

L'Estaminet
14 Garrick Street, WC2
Telephone 020 7379 1432
LUNCH noon–1230

DINNER 1745–2300

Main courses: £12.90–£16.95

Tube: Covent Garden

FRENCH

Cafe du Jardin
28 Wellington Street, WC2
Telephone 020 7836 8769
LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1730–2300

Main courses: £11.50–£18.50

Tube: Picadilly Circus

Lindsay House
21 Romilly Street, W1
Telephone 020 7439 0450
LUNCH 1200–1430

DINNER 1800–2300

Main courses: £18.00–£22.00

Tube: Picadilly Circus

BUDGET

Cafe Emm
17 Frith Street, W1
Telephone 020 7437 0723
LUNCH noon–1500

DINNER 1730–2230

Main courses: £5.70–£7.70

Tube: Picadilly Circus

Pierre Victoire
5 Dean Street, W1
Telephone 020 7287 4582
MEALS SERVED noon–2300

Main courses: £7–£13

Tube: Leicester Square

Pollo
20 Old Compton Street, W1

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Telephone 020 7734 5456
MEALS SERVED noon–midnight

Main courses: £3.60–£6.80

Tube: Leicester Square

The Stockpot
18 Old Compton Street, W1
Telephone 020 7287 1066
MEALS SERVED 1130–2330

Main courses: £2.70–£5.30

Tube: Leicester Square

CHINESE

1997
19 Wardour Street, W1
Telephone 020 7734 2868
MEALS SERVED 24 hours daily

Main courses: £2.50–£16.00

Tube: Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus

Canton
11 Newport Place, WC2
Telephone 020 7437 6220
MEALS SERVED noon–2330

Main courses: £5.20–9.00

Tube: Leicester Square

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Golden Dragon
28-29 Gerrard Street, W1
Telephone 020 7734 2763
MEALS SERVED noon–2330

Main courses: £6.00–£25.00

Tube: Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus

Hing Loon
25 Lisle Street. WC2
Telephone 020 7437 3602
MEALS SERVED noon–2330

Main courses: £3.70–£9.50

Tube: Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus

New Mayflower
68–70 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1
Telephone 020 7734 9207
MEALS SERVED 1700–0400

Main courses: £5.90–£24.00

Tube: Picadilly Circus

Wong Kei
41–43 Wardour Street, W1
Telephone 020 7437 8408
MEALS SERVED noon–2330

Main courses: £4.80–£7.20

Tube: Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus

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