



THE CHURCH WITHOUT



Christchurch Spitalfields

Built 1714-1729





Nicholas Hawksmoor

1661-1736



"Whatever is goode in its kinde
ought to be preserv'd in respect
for antiquity, as well as our present
advantage, for destruction
can be profitable to none but
such as live by it."

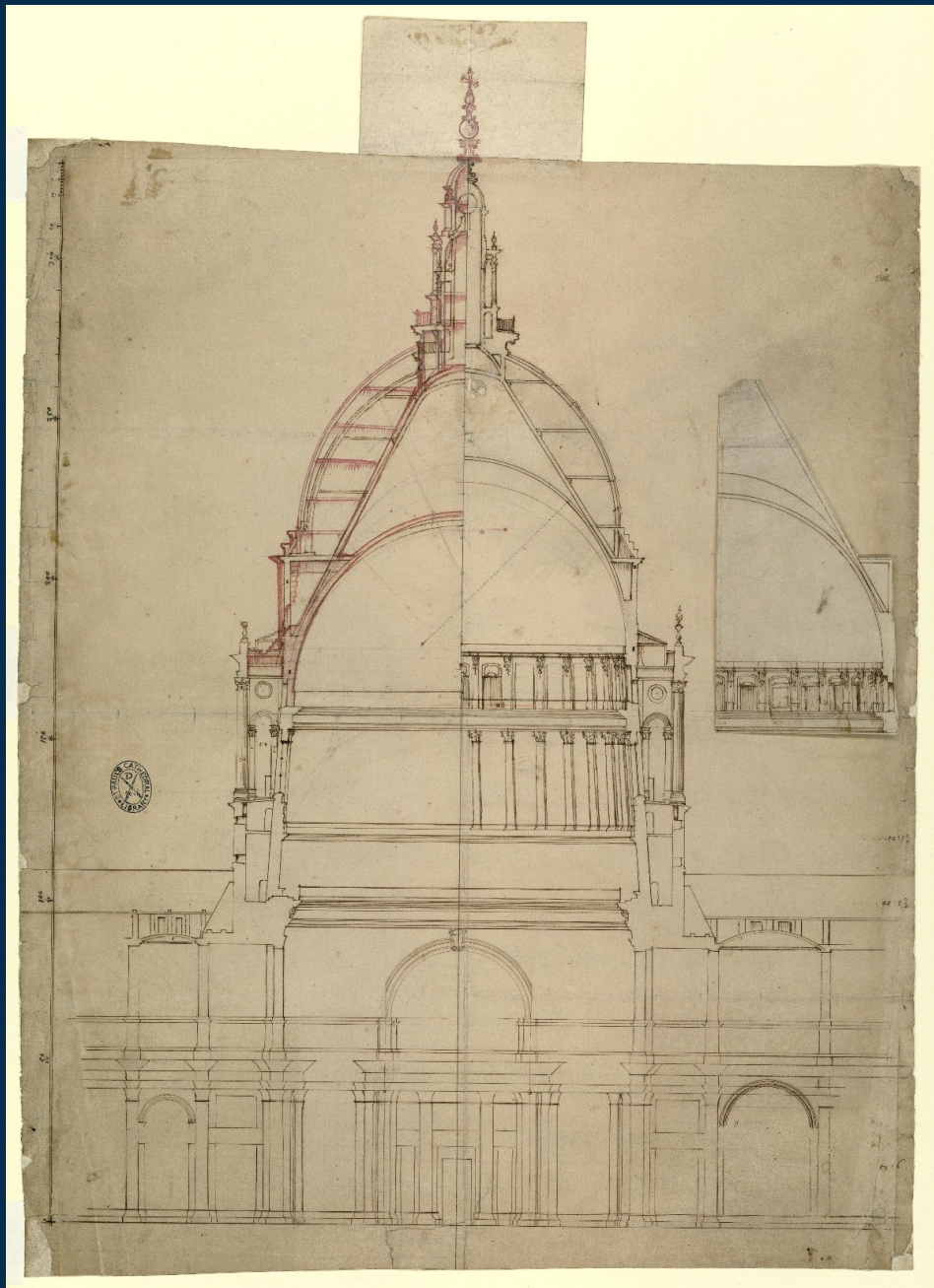
Nicholas Hawksmoor





Christopher Wren

1632-1723





John Vanbrugh

1664-1726



Castle Howard

1699-1709





Blenheim Palace

1705-1722





Clarendon Building

1711-1713

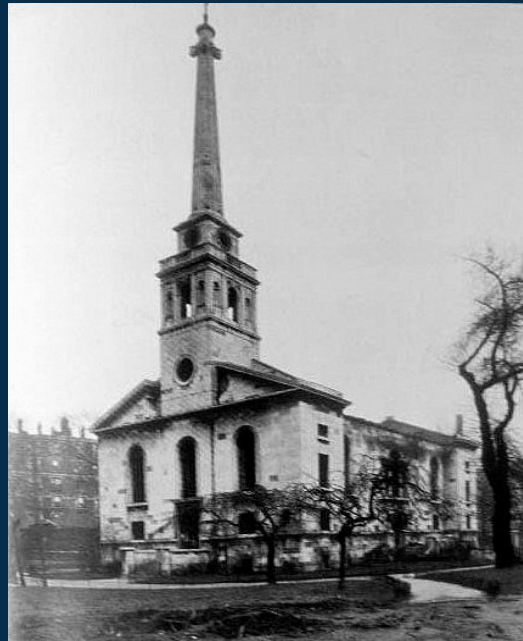


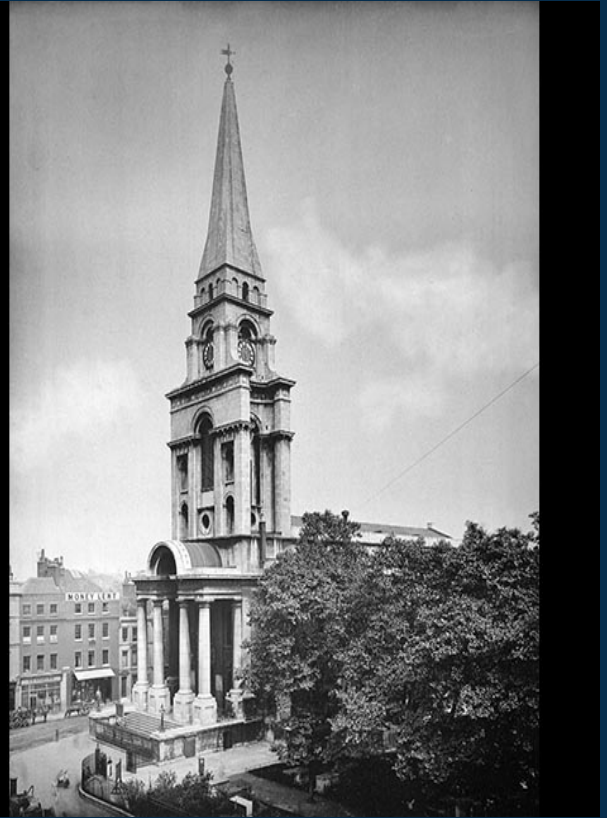
Westminster Abbey

1723-1745





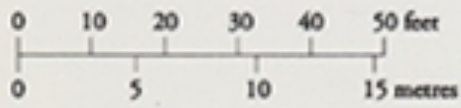
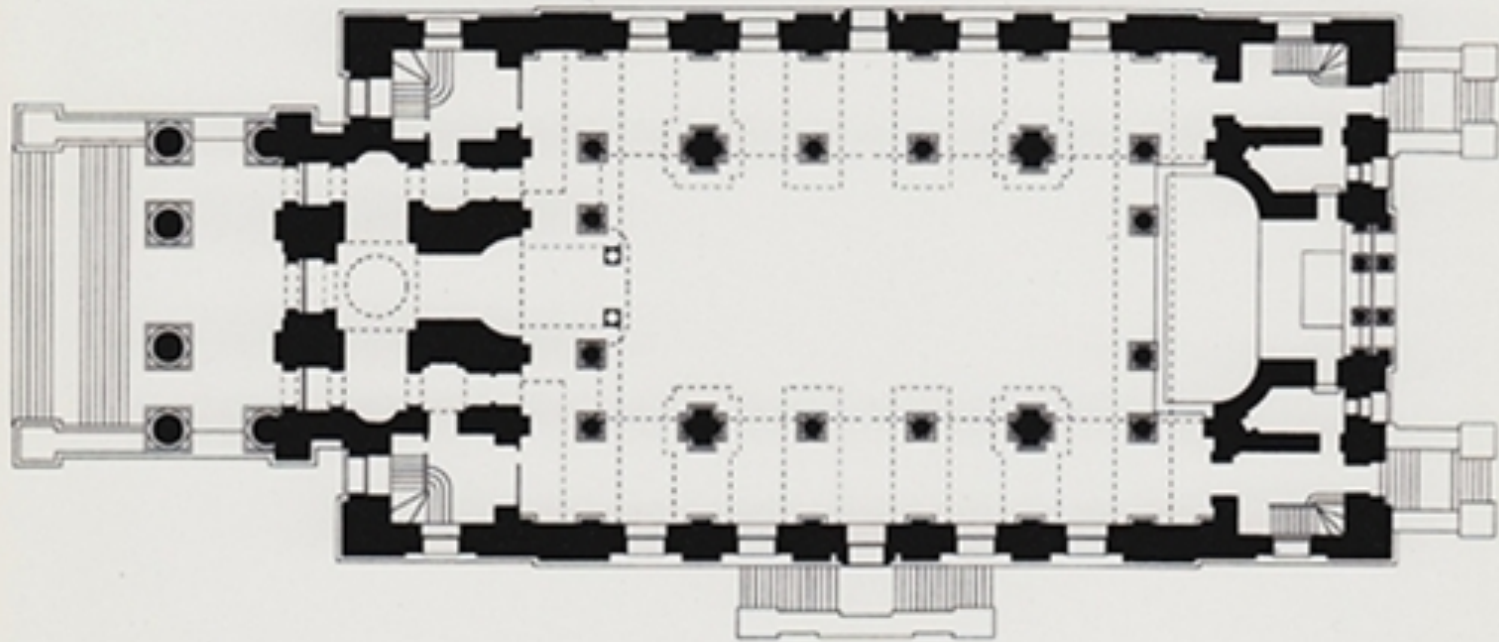


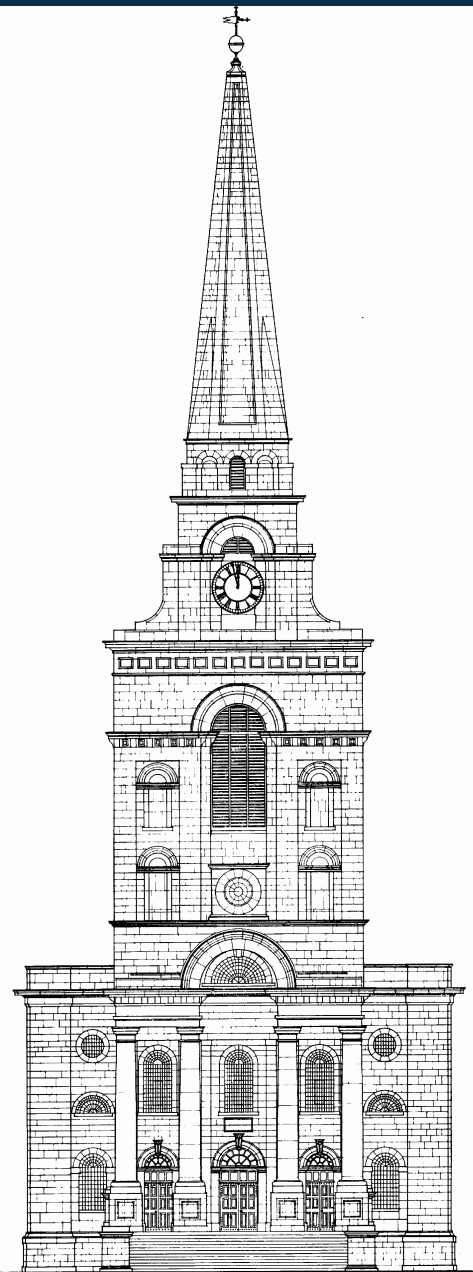


“Walking past Christ Church, as I have done daily for many years, has not made Hawksmoor’s masterwork familiar to me. Its great architectural gestures retain their strange potency and continue to astonish and invite my curiosity.”

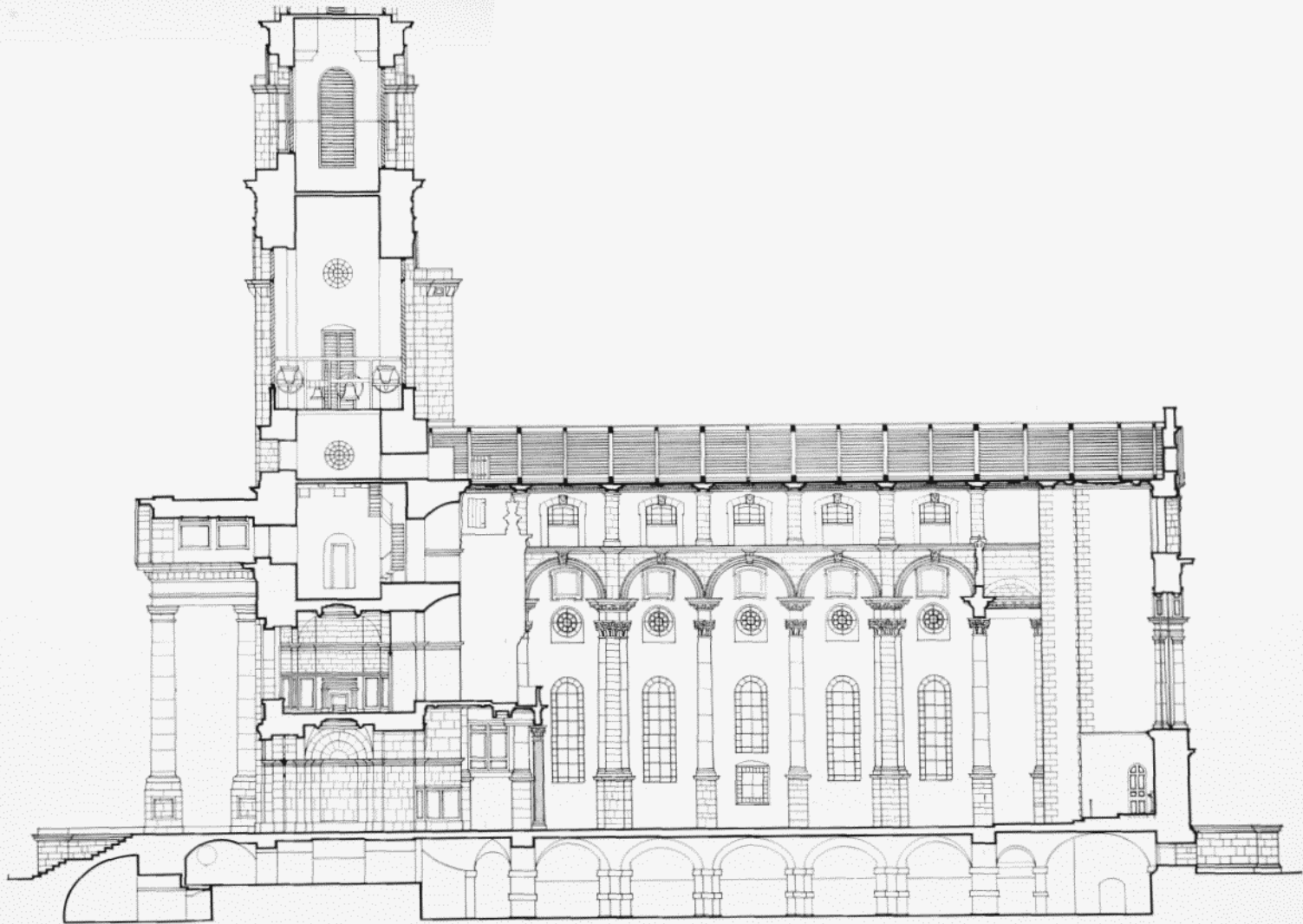
Richard McCormac





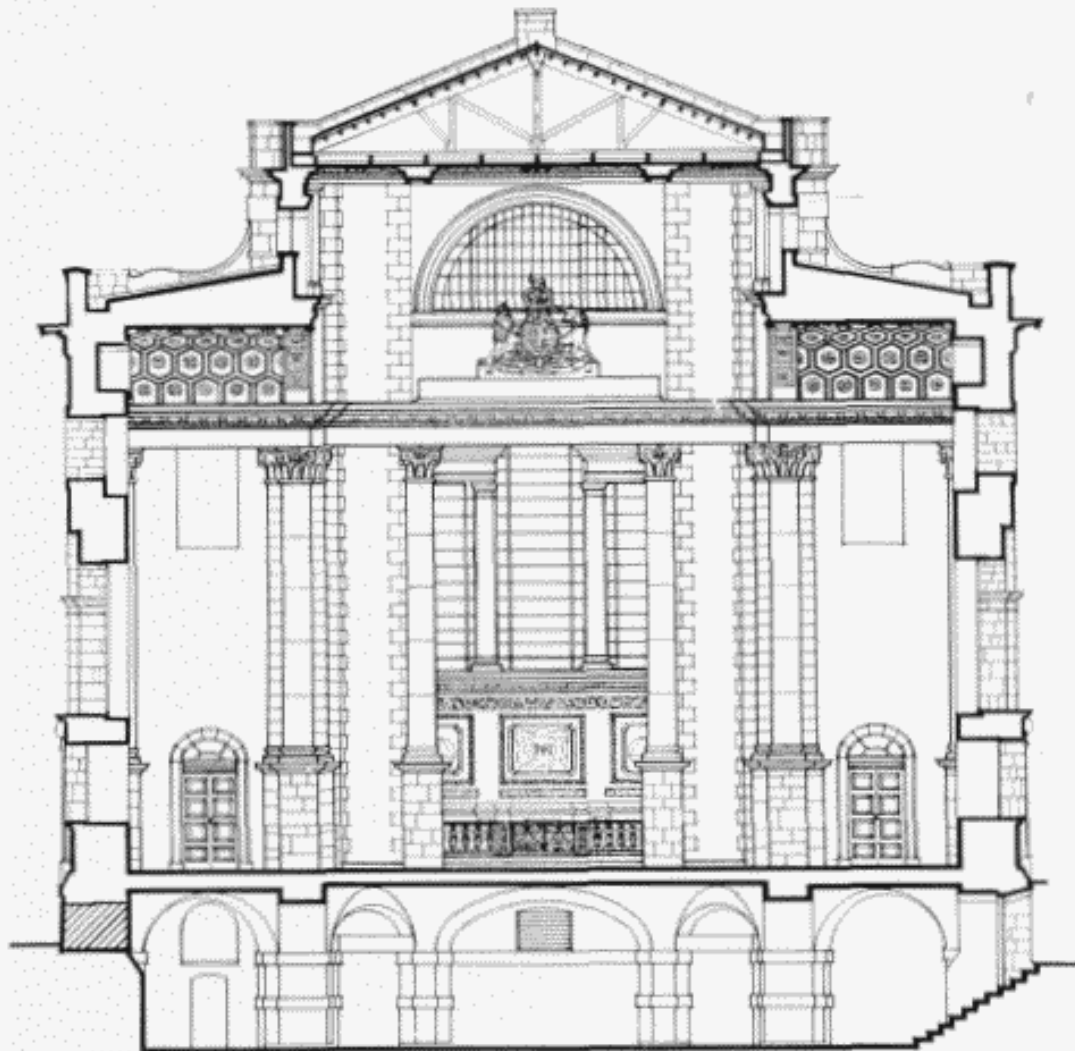


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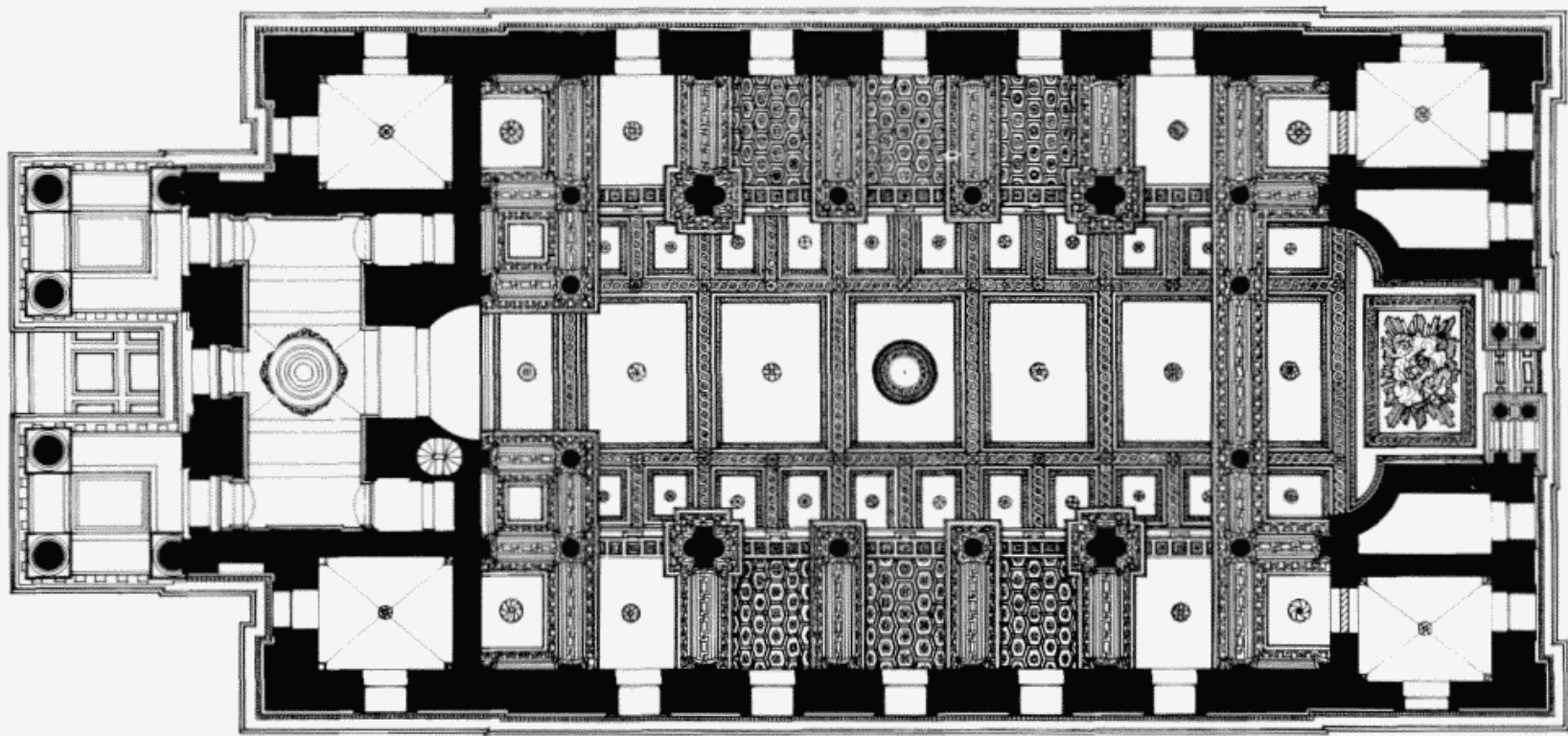
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Cross Section A.A.

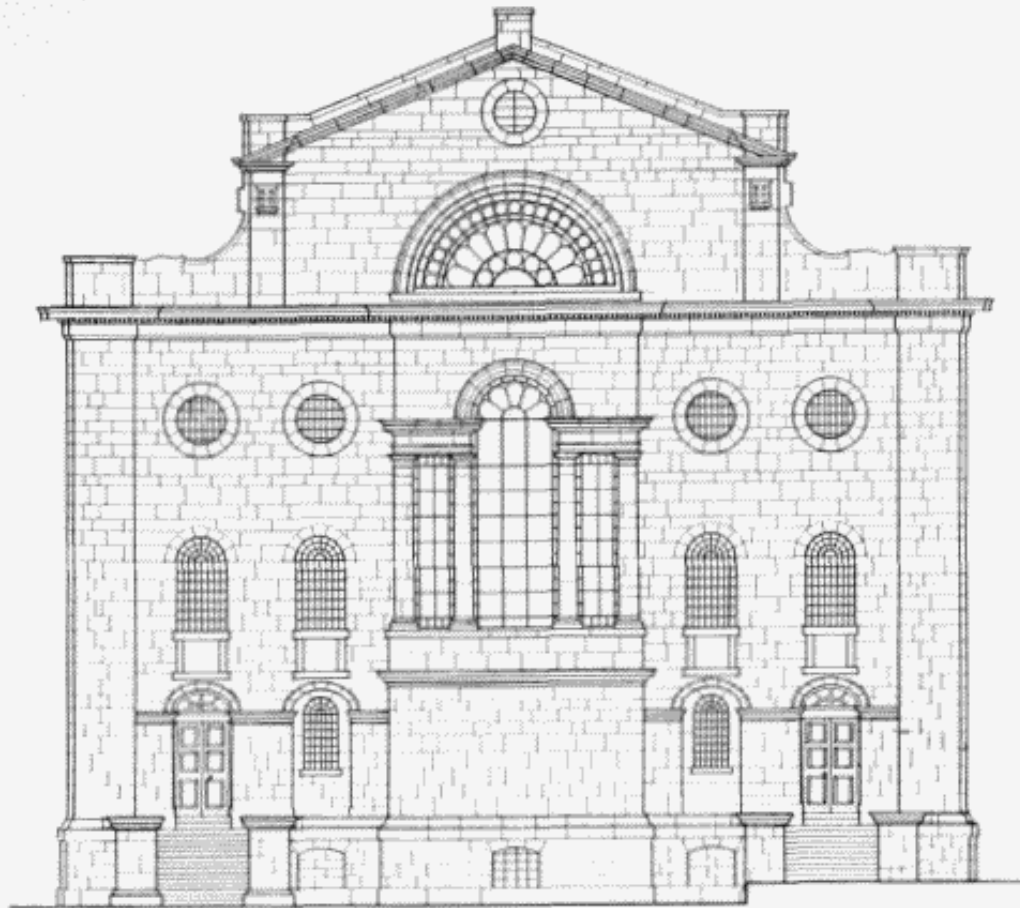
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Ceiling Plan

ft ¹⁰ 0 10 20 30 ft





East Elevation

ft 10 0 10 20 30 ft









In Affectionate Remembrance of
THE REV. H. AARON STERN, D.D.
WHO FOR UPWARDS OF 40 YEARS LABOURED
AS A MISSIONARY OF THE LONDON SOCIETY
FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONGST THE JEWS
WITH SINGULAR DEVOTEDNESS,
IN TURKEY, PERSIA, ARABIA, AND ABYSSINIA
ENDURING SUFFERINGS THE MOST SEVERE
WITH CHRISTIAN PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE.
HE AFTERWARDS FOR 16 YEARS TOOK A LEADING PART
IN JEWISH MISSIONARY WORK IN THIS COUNTRY.
HE WAS GENTLE, WISE AND FAITHFUL;
AND HIS LABOURS WERE SIGNALLY BLESSED.
BORN APRIL 11, 1820. DIED MAY 13, 1885.

והמשכילים יגזירו כזהר הרקיע
ומצדיקי הרבים כבוכבים לעולם ועד:

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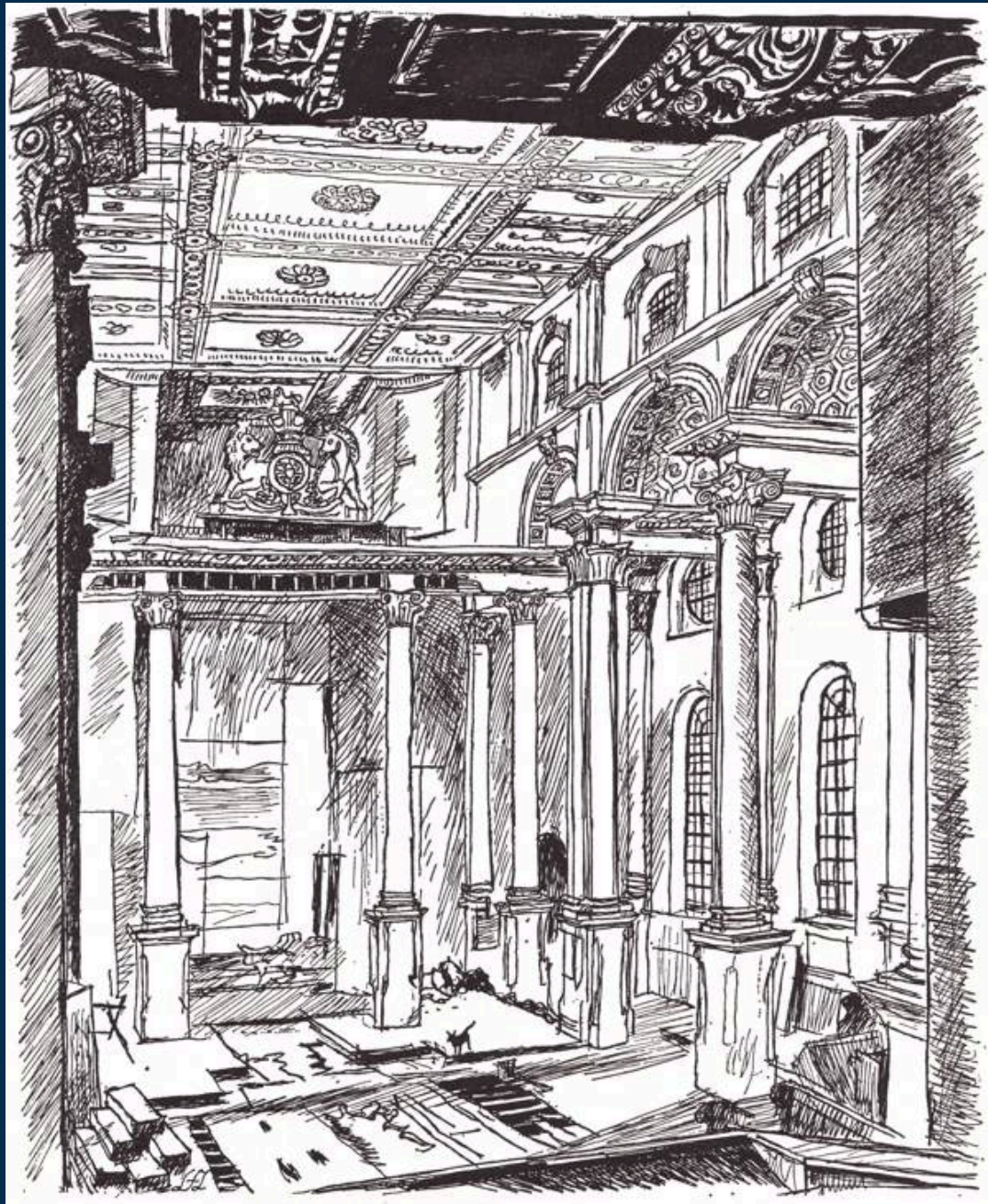
Johann Sebastian Bach



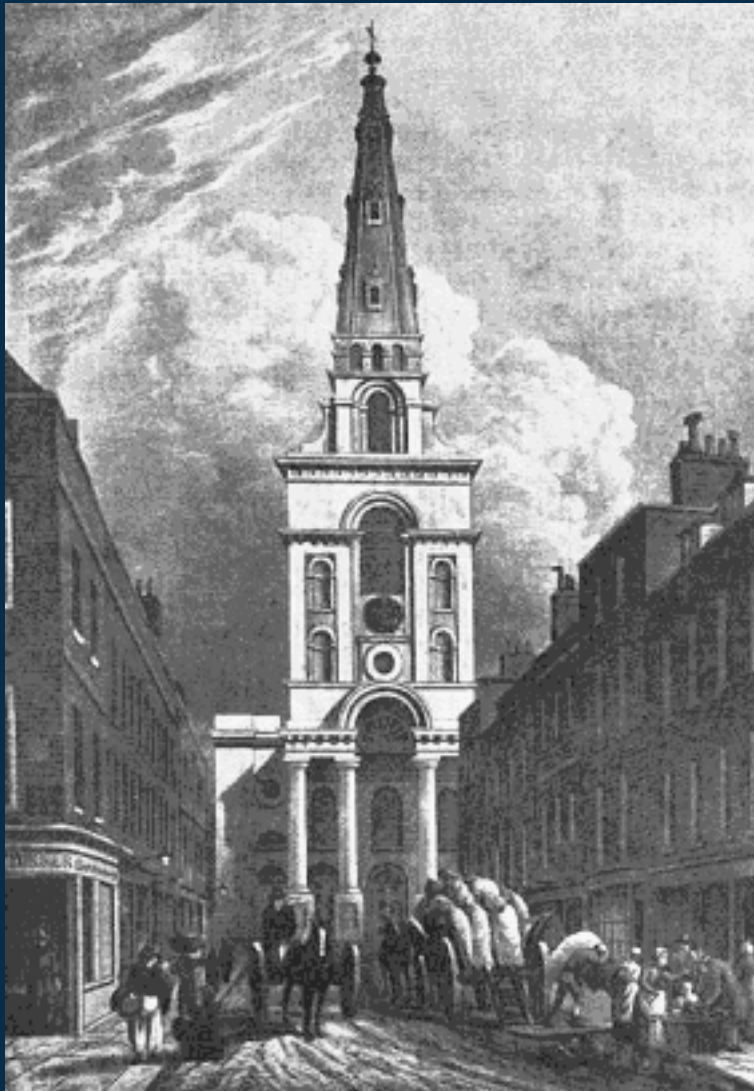
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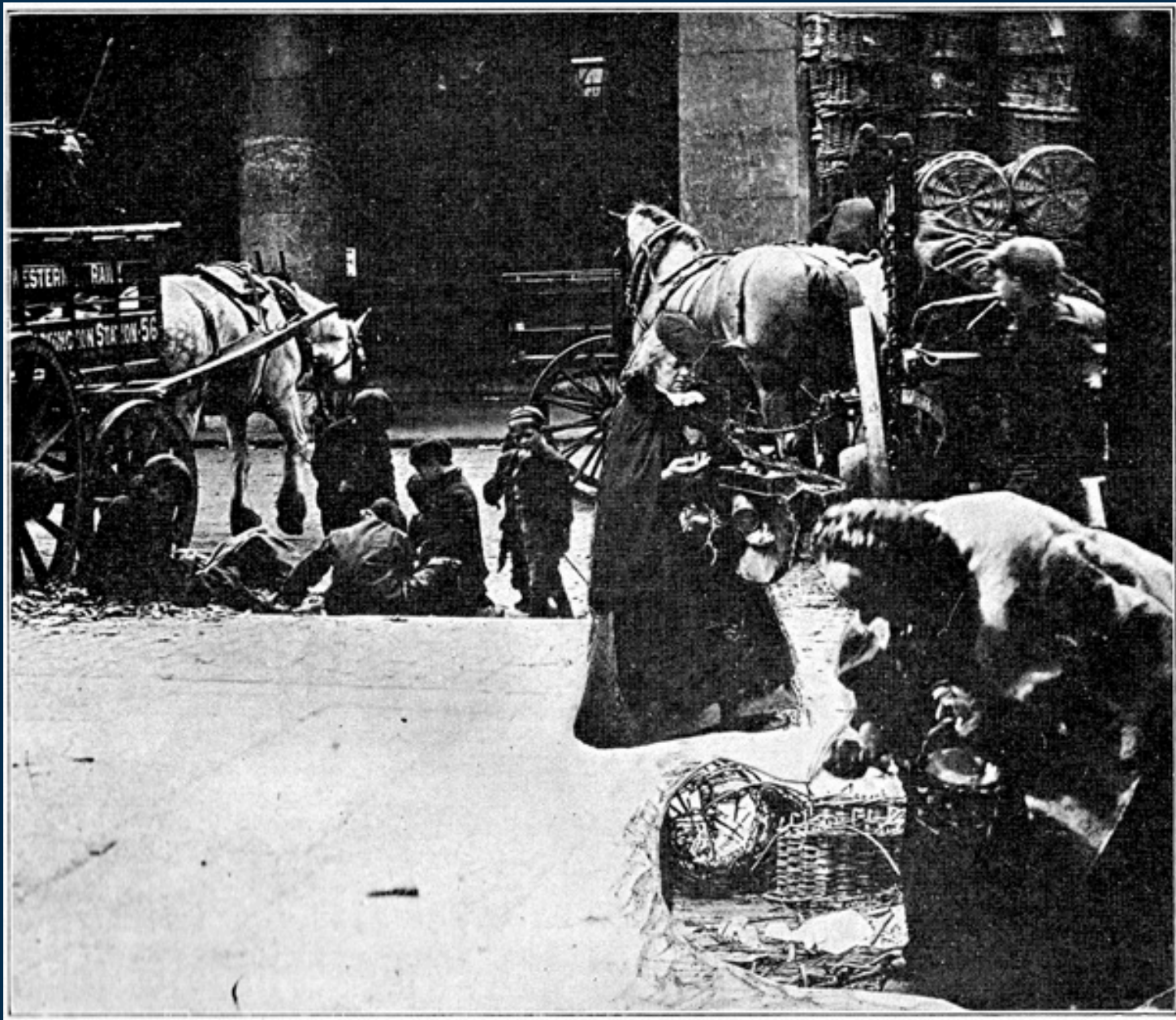
1814-95



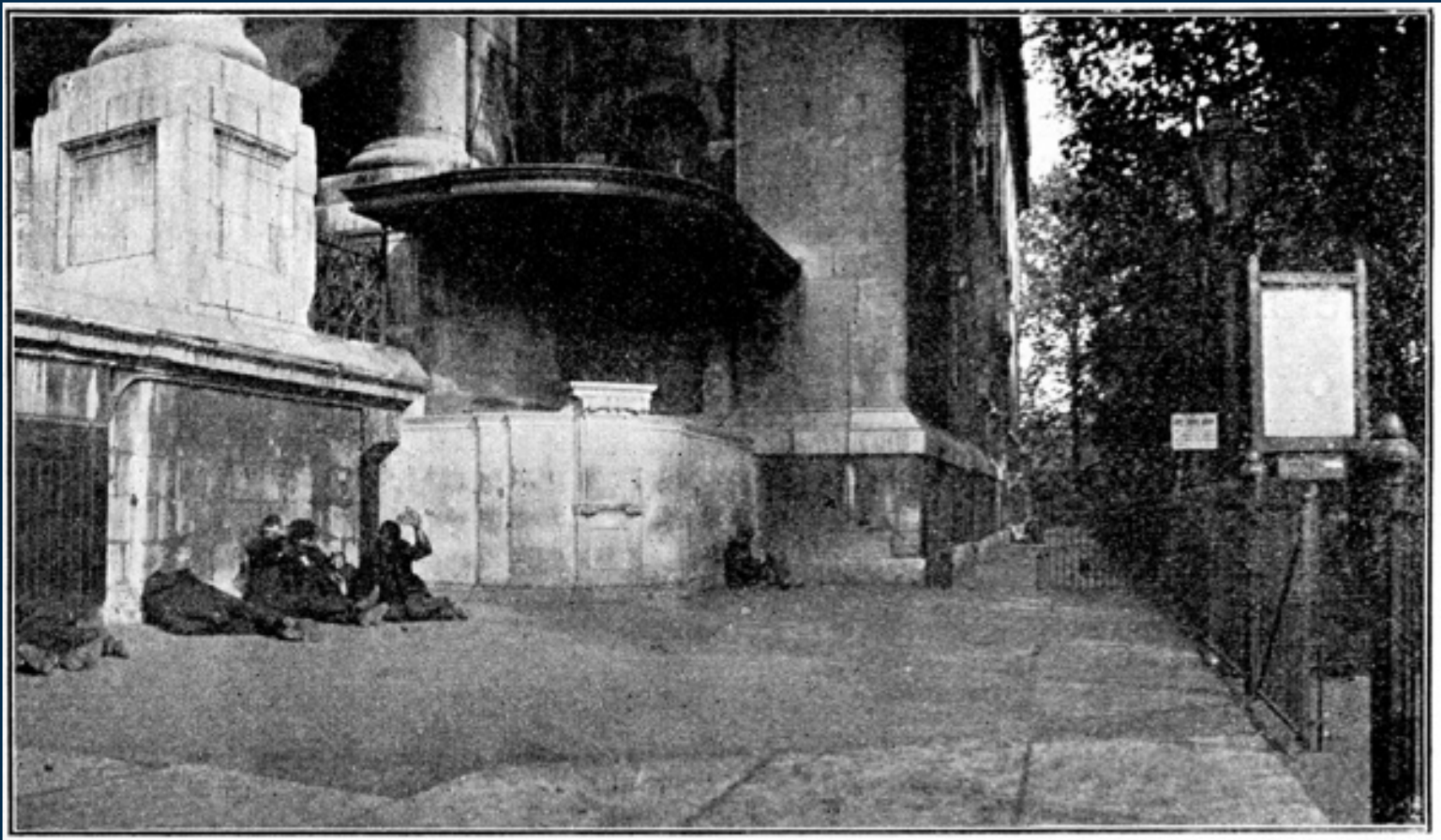




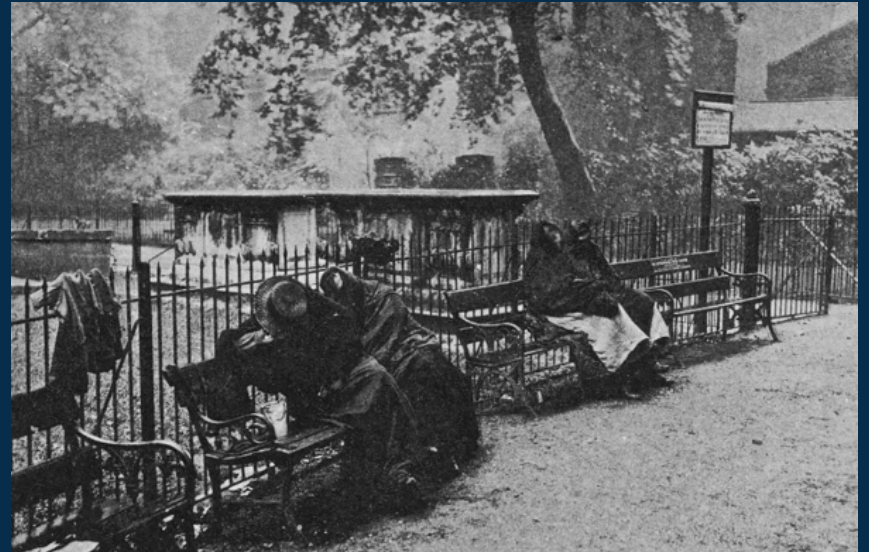












“A huge, heavy galleon
of white Portland stone anchored
among the red-brick
Queen Anne houses
of the weavers.”

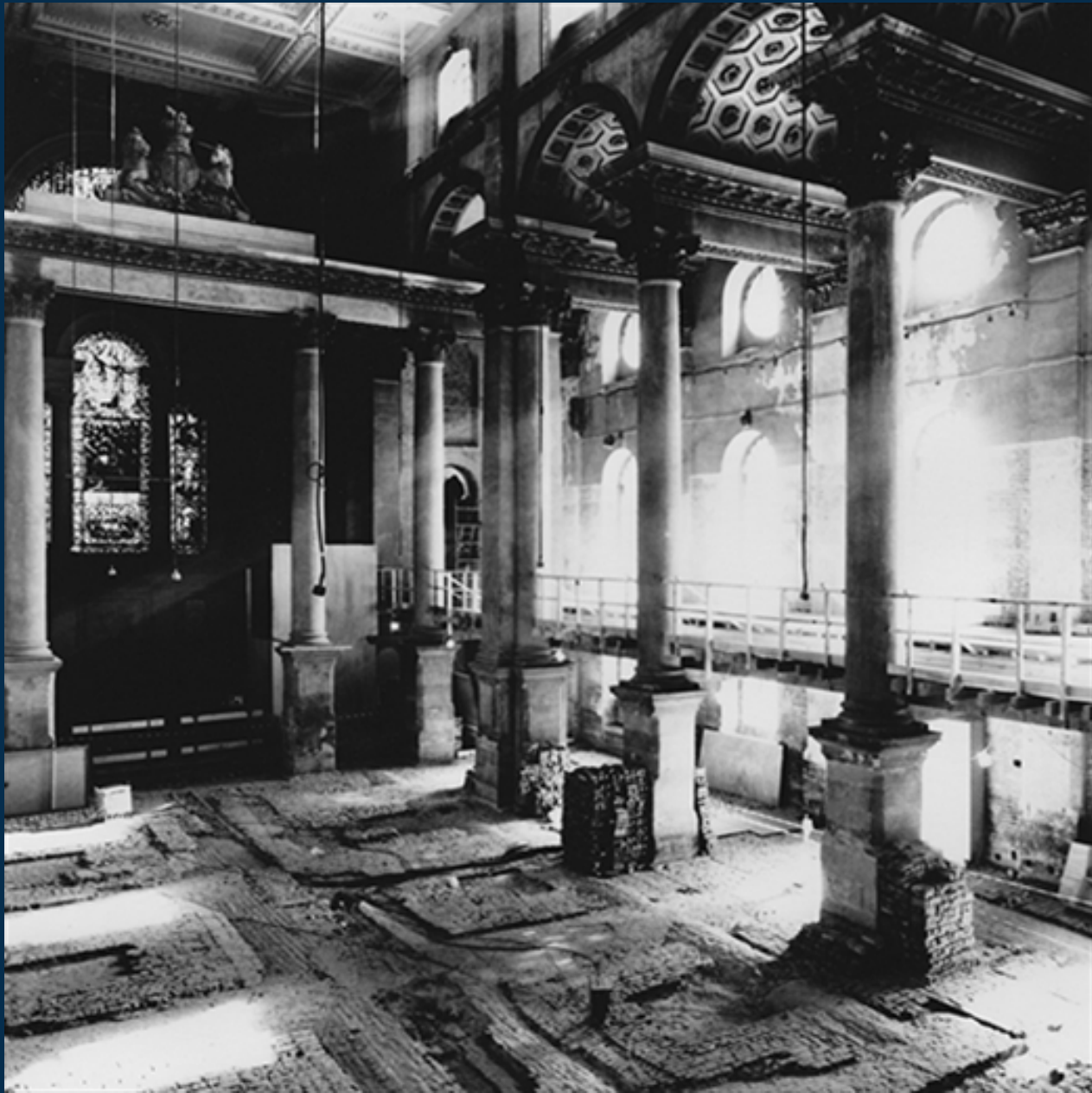
John Betjeman









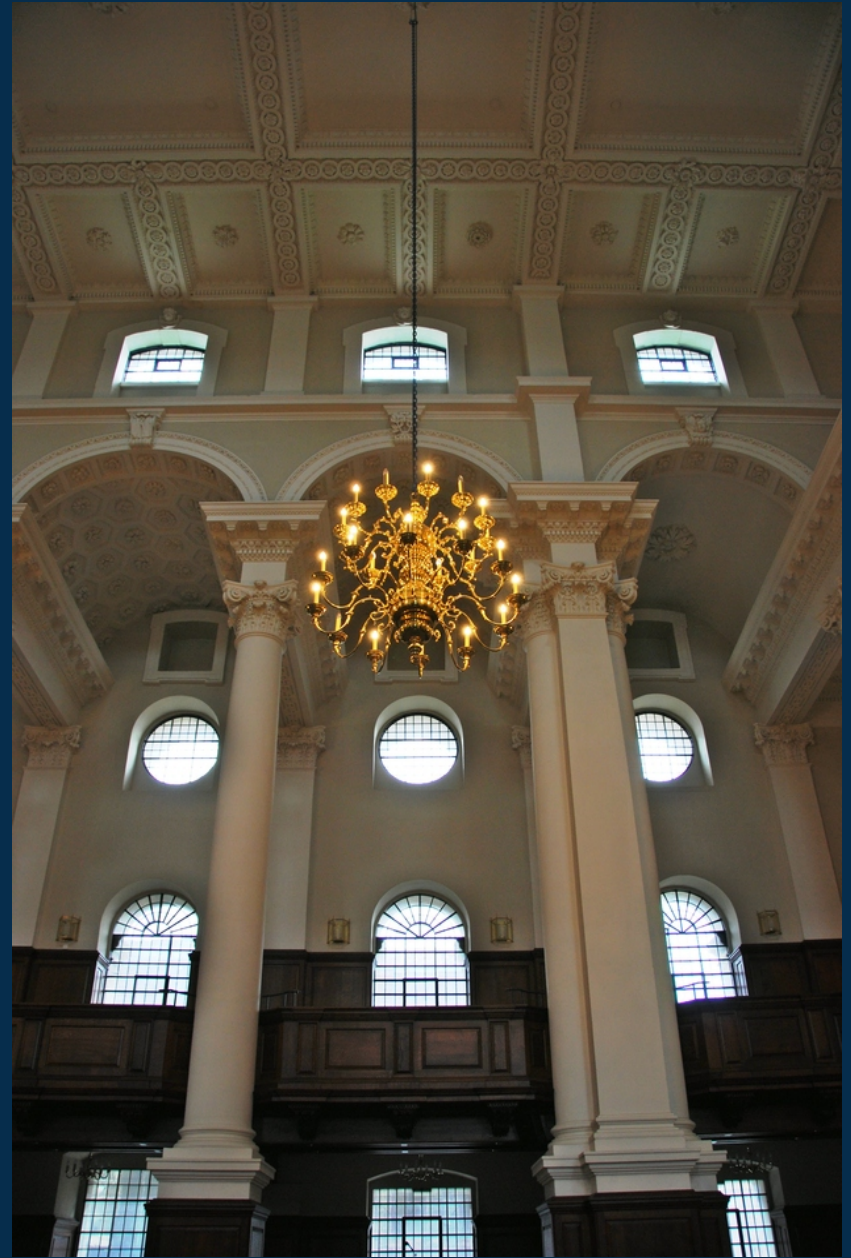


































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BEING FULL WAS CLOSED

IN THE YEAR

1845

BY WILLIAM STONE M.A.

RECTOR.

WILLIAM HICKS HALL CHURCH

THOMAS MIDWINTER WARRING





HE LIVES IN A COFFIN

A 400-YEAR-OLD stone coffin in the crypt of Christ Church, Spitalfields, is now the home of Michael O'Connor, a London East End labourer.

He was blasted from his own home three months ago and since then he has spent his nights reading, eating and sleeping in the coffin.

"And very comfortable it is, too," he told the *Daily Mirror*.

Every morning, except Sundays, when he has a "lie in," Michael is awakened by his wife with a cup of tea. Then off to work to put up with such wisecracks from his friends as "Hullo, Mike. Back from the dead again?"

The O'Connors, with their fifteen-year-old son, have made their corner

...Mrs. O'Connor—"I don't fancy the coffin much"—sleeps on the floor with her son while Michael snores serenely in his strange bed.

Strange at First

Michael, an old soldier, told the *"Daily Mirror"*: "I've slept in worse places. It's a bit draughty, but otherwise it's quite comfortable. There's plenty of room to move around.

"The first couple of nights I felt a bit strange and kept waking up, but I've got used to it now, and I sleep like a top. I feel safer down here than I do in a surface shelter and I hope to stop here until after the war."

There are two other stone coffins in the crypt, but so far nobody has felt like removing the heavy lids and

Often said you "Sleep like the dead," haven't you? Here's a man who does! Mr. O'Connor in his coffin bed in a London church crypt.







James Stirling

1926-1992



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JAMES STIRLING
ARCHITECT

1924-1992



BUCKLE UP!
PASSAGE TO THE

POULTRY

