Guide to the St Paul’s Cathedral Archives at LMA

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Finding your way around the collection

This leaflet is intended as a general guide to those carrying out research on the archives of St Paul’s Cathedral. If your question is not answered below, please email London Metropolitan Archives (ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

The text below gives a history of the cathedral archives, followed by a detailed analysis of the information that the archives contain. There is a short bibliography of works of general relevance. Other specific works are cited in the text at appropriate points. All secondary sources, whether books or journal articles, are held at both Guildhall Library and London Metropolitan Archives (LMA), unless otherwise stated. Most secondary sources are not held on open shelves and will need to be ordered.

The bibliography and other secondary source references were very largely compiled in 2002-2004 and have not been routinely updated or added to since 2004.

The analysis is arranged by reference codes (CLC/313/A etc), which match the arrangement of the archives on LMA’s online catalogue - http://search.lma.gov.uk/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/LMA?LOGONFORM.

You can find online catalogue entries for St Paul’s Cathedral Archives in two main ways. To see what is held for each part of the collection, use the Simple Search option and type in the relevant reference code e.g. CLC/313/A. Then click on the ‘search’ button. The next screen will appear which will give you a description of the records within this area (e.g. charters, statutes). Click on the title, e.g. charters, which appears in the colour red. This will give a full (and lengthy) description of the archival history and context of these records. To see the full range of records, scroll to the bottom of the entry, until you see a set of options, ‘print page’, ‘level down’ and ‘level up’. Click on the ‘level down’ button which will show a brief description of all the records.

Alternatively, if you wish to see the entry for a particular file/item or series of items, use the ‘Advanced Search’ option and input the Manuscript reference (MS) number as it appears on this leaflet, e.g. MS 25272, in the ‘Former Reference Code’ box and then click on the ‘search’ button at the bottom. It is very important that you use the ‘Former Reference Code’ search. This will produce a brief description.
Click on the title, which appears in red, which will give a full description. Single files or items can be ordered at this screen; to find a file or item from a series, click on the 'level down' button at the bottom of the screen.

If you have any comments on this leaflet, or the guidance it gives, please contact LMA at ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The history of the cathedral archives

The bulk of the archives of St Paul’s Cathedral were deposited by the Dean and Chapter with the City of London Corporation in September 1980. They relate mostly to the constitution, administration, services, finances and fabric of the cathedral; the Peculiar jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter (including probate); and the estates of the Dean and Chapter and cathedral officials. The records were originally held at Guildhall Library, in the Manuscripts Section, and catalogued as Guildhall Library Mss 25121-25821.

Other archives of the cathedral had been deposited with the City in the 1960s and later. They consist mainly of manorial and estate records deposited by the Church Commissioners, and probate records deposited by the Public Record Office (now The National Archives). They are included in this leaflet, as are records of the cathedral which have been independently acquired. The provenance of these items, where known, is described in their catalogue entries.

The archives of the cathedral were sorted and boxed in the 18th and 19th centuries by a succession of cathedral officials, most notably W.H. Hale (Archdeacon of London, 1842-70) and Revd. W. Sparrow Simpson (Cathedral Librarian, 1862-97).

The press marks devised by Sparrow Simpson, with loose items in two series of boxes (‘A’ and ‘B’) and volumes in two cupboards, East (‘E’) and West (‘W’), and then on shelves ‘A’ onwards within them, remained in use until the archives were transferred to the City Corporation in 1980.

These press marks, such as WD4, were published in H. Maxwell Lyte’s list of the cathedral’s archives, printed as an Appendix to the Ninth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts in 1883. (An annotated copy of this list, which remains an access point for some users, is available in the Information Area at LMA.) However, many of
the records deposited by the Church Commissioners and the National Archives do not have St Paul’s press marks, since they did not pass through Sparrow Simpson’s hands.

In April 2009, Guildhall Library Manuscripts Section amalgamated fully with LMA and closed. From that date, all its former holdings have been managed by LMA and most were transferred physically in April 2009 to Clerkenwell. The records of St Paul’s Cathedral, however, continued to be stored at Guildhall Library (where they were made available to researchers) until February 2013 when they were transferred to LMA. All consultations of this archive now take place at LMA in Clerkenwell.

LMA catalogue references incorporate the former Guildhall Library MS numbers which have been prefixed with the code for St Paul’s, CLC/313, as well as other levels indicating their hierarchical arrangement. Barling manor court rolls, formerly Guildhall Library MS 25274, are now CLC/313/L/A/032/MS25274, for example. These Guildhall Library MS numbers are retained as Former References in each catalogue entry and can be found using the Advanced Search option and Former Reference code box, as described in pages 3-4 of this leaflet.

The former St Paul’s press marks are also noted in catalogue entries as a Former Reference (appearing after the MS number reference), and can also be found using the Advanced Search option and Former Reference code box.

The cathedral archives appear to have been well protected from damage during World War Two, and it is not clear if there were any losses. However some 19th and 20th century administrative books and papers (which had not been added to the archives), were stored in the Chapter House and subsequently destroyed when the Chapter House was bombed in 1940. The sole known survivor of those records stored during the War in the Chapter House, and which bears obvious fire damage, is the Seal book, 1931-1940 (MS 25660/8, section CLC/313/C).

A full history of record-keeping at St Paul’s prior to the deposit of the archives is given in Geoffrey Yeo’s ‘Record-keeping at St Paul’s Cathedral’, Journal of the Society of Archivists, vol.8, no.1 (April 1986), pp.30-44. The text of this article is contained in the hard-copy St Paul’s catalogue in the Information Area at LMA.
The bulk of the records of London Diocese have been catalogued separately, but the activities of diocese and cathedral were often closely inter-linked and their records stored in close proximity within the cathedral. Indeed, many diocesan records were among the records transferred from the cathedral in 1980.

Those records of the diocese which directly relate to the cathedral, especially those which concern the ‘Old Work’ (the portion of the cathedral built before 1256 and, uniquely, the responsibility of the Bishop of London, not the Dean and Chapter; see section CLC/313/H), are included in this leaflet.

A few records of provincial dioceses, chapters, monasteries and other ecclesiastical institutions outside London, which had strayed into the cathedral’s custody, were also deposited with the main archive in 1980. In most cases these records were catalogued and assigned a Guildhall Library manuscript number (with any St Paul’s press mark acknowledged) and then transferred to the appropriate local record office. These records are not included in this leaflet.

Uncatalogued records

Most of the cathedral’s archives have now been catalogued. However some records are only partly processed and have incomplete catalogue descriptions. They do not appear in the online catalogue and must be searched for separately. Those partly-processed items which were arranged by Sparrow Simpson and/or described by Maxwell Lyte can be requested using Maxwell Lyte’s list and the concordance of St Paul’s press marks/ Guildhall Library MS numbers. This concordance appears at the back of the printed St Paul’s catalogue in the Information Area at LMA.

The remaining uncatalogued records received from St Paul’s Cathedral were scheduled briefly in 1999 and 2002 by Christine Faunch and Stephen Freeth as CF1-136. The schedule is available at LMA, at the front of the hard-copy St Paul’s catalogue. Please email ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk to request a copy of this schedule. These “CF” records do not appear in the online catalogue and must be requested using the CF numbers, e.g. CF54.

LMA also holds various uncatalogued material, comprising deeds, leases and estate papers received from the Church Commissioners,
mostly 19th century. These items are not routinely produced, and enquirers should email LMA for access.

The Cathedral Library continues to hold the St Paul’s volumes of medieval manuscript religious or literary texts numbered ‘St Paul’s Mss 1-4’ and ‘6-20’. [‘Ms 5’, also known as ‘WD24’, was deposited and catalogued as Guildhall Library MS 25524.] A full description of these items is given in N.R. Ker, *Medieval Manuscripts in British Libraries, Vol. 1*: London (1969), pp.240-62. The Cathedral Librarian also retains custody of certain other records, including Chapter minutes from 1833; personal papers of cathedral dignitaries; modern baptismal, marriage and burial registers; the surviving archives of the Vicars Choral; collections of music manuscripts; and printed sermons. These records can be consulted at St Paul’s by prior appointment, via library@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

Architectural archives

The Architectural Archives of the Cathedral are held at St Paul’s and are managed by the Cathedral Archivist. The Archives include drawings, papers, reports, photographs and printed items created and generated in connection with the office of the Surveyor to the Fabric. The records document the day-to-day maintenance of St Paul’s Cathedral as well as specific structural repair, cleaning and decoration projects.

Subjects include the decoration of the interior during the second half of the nineteenth century, the extension and rearrangement of the choir in the 1870s, the structural reinforcement of the dome in the 1920s, the post-war reconstruction and redesign of the bomb-damaged east end, north transept and Chapter House, and more recent works such as the interior cleaning project.

Where it has been possible to recreate original arrangements this has been done, but the order of the textual papers into subseries is artificial, rather than original. The records are currently arranged into the following series:

- SPCAA/D – Drawings (1710-1990)
- SPCAA/R - Surveyors' Reports to Dean and Chapter (1751-2002)
- SPCAA/SP - Surveyors' and Clerk of Works' papers (1878-2011)
- SPCAA/P – Photographs (1900-2005)
Accruals are expected from the current and future Surveyors to the Fabric, Clerks of the Works, contractors, consultants and designers.

Further information about the architectural archives can be found via the website www.stpauls.co.uk/history-collections/the-collections/architectural-archive. All enquiries and requests to visit the archives should be directed to the cathedral archivist on 020 7246 8307 or sradford@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.


The arrangement of the archives

The catalogued archives of St Paul’s have been arranged into sub-fonds according to the record types/function they represent and can be ordered as explained on pages 3-4 of this leaflet. (Note: Some uncatalogued material is excluded from this arrangement, as explained above.) The sub-fonds divisions are explained in greater detail in the following pages.

- CLC/313/A Charters
- CLC/313/B Statute and evidence books
- CLC/313/C Muniment books
- CLC/313/D Chapter minutes
- CLC/313/E Appointments of officials
- CLC/313/F Cathedral services
- CLC/313/G Financial records
- CLC/313/H Cathedral fabric pre-1630
- CLC/313/I Cathedral fabric post-1630
- CLC/313/J City churches rebuilding
- CLC/313/K Peculiar jurisdiction
- CLC/313/L Dean and Chapter estates
- CLC/313/M Dean’s Peculiar estates
- CLC/313/N Dignitaries’ and Prebendaries’ estates
- CLC/313/O Chantries and obits
- CLC/313/P Miscellaneous

Charters

CLC/313/A

- Royal charters, originals and copies, 11th-17th centuries (MS 25241/1-84)

MS 25241/1-80 are listed in an 18th-century calendar, MS 25616/1 (see section CLC/313/P); MS 25241/1-50 are also calendared by Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report, boxes A59-60).
Charter roll, probably compiled during the late 13th century (MS 25272)

For further information, see G.R.C. Davis, Medieval Cartularies of Great Britain (1958), no.598.

The earliest surviving royal charter, by William II, dates from 1099/1100 (MS 25241/4). This and other medieval charters of the cathedral, and various Anglo-Saxon grants whose texts are preserved in the cathedral’s cartularies (see section CLC/313/B), have been edited by Marion Gibbs, ‘Early Charters of the Cathedral Church of St Paul, London’, Camden Society, 3rd series, vol.58 (1939). See also PH Sawyer, ‘Anglo-Saxon Charters: An Annotated List and Bibliography’ (Royal Historical Society, Guides and Handbooks no.8, 1968).

Statute and evidence books (including cartularies)

CLC/313/B

- ‘Liber L’, cartulary and statute book (original press mark WD4, now MS 25504), early 12th-early 14th centuries, containing inter alia: copies of charters from the reign of Ethelbert (860-6) onwards; manorial inquisitions (see also section CLC/313/L, including CLC/313/LE-G) and visitations within the cathedral’s Peculiar jurisdiction (see also section CLC/313/KB), 11th-14th centuries; and cathedral statutes, (?13th century.

Calendared, with extensive extracts edited, by Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report). See Davis, Medieval Cartularies, no.596. Parts of this volume are also described in sections CLC/313/O, CLC/313/P below.

- ‘Liber A, sive Pilosus’, cartulary (WD1, now MS 25501), 1241-1340, with additional entry 1505x1550, containing copies of charters from the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-66) onwards relating to cathedral property, rights and privileges in the City of London, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Wiltshire. Folios 1-37v are edited in full by Marion Gibbs, ‘Early Charters’. See also Davis, Medieval Cartularies, no.597.

- Statute and evidence book, ca. 1250-ca. 1300 (WD19, MS 25519)

- Statute and evidence book, late 13th century-1486 (WD2, MS 25502)

[Parts of this volume are also described in sections CLC/313/G and CLC/313/O]
• ‘Statuta Majora’, 14th century (WD9, MS 25509)

    [Parts of this volume are also described in sections CLC/313/L, CLC/313/O-P]

• ‘Statuta Minora’, early 15th century-1813 (WD20, MS 25520)

• Statute and evidence book, early 15th century (WD8, MS 25508)

• Statute book, 15th century (WD7, MS 25507)

• Statute and evidence book, late 15th century (WD5) (MS 25505)

Many of the cathedral’s early statutes have been edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, *Registrum Statutorum et Consuetudinum Ecclesiae Cathedralis Sancti Pauli Londinensis* (1873). His compilation, from the volumes described above (except for MS 25501, WD1) includes statutes by Ralph de Diceto (Dean, 1180-ca. 1200), William de Montfort (Dean, 1285-94), Ralph de Baldock (Dean, 1294-1304, and Bishop of London, 1304-13), Stephen de Gravesend (Bishop, 1318-38), Robert Braybrooke (Bishop, 1381-1404) and William Warham (Bishop, 1501-3). Sparrow Simpson’s Registrum also includes extracts from MS 25506 (WD6), ca. 1611-ca. 1613; MS 25510 (WD10), 1502; and MS 25624 (WC39), a transcript made in 1874 of MS 25520.

**Muniment books**

**CLC/313/C**

**Dean’s registers, 1536-1642 & 1660-1909 (MS 25630/1-47)**

Chiefly recording:

• Leases of property, rectories etc belonging to the Dean and Chapter collectively (but including some leases of property of individual dignitaries or prebends - see also sections CLC/313/L-N)

• Chapter Acts (see also section CLC/313/D)

• Institutions of incumbents to benefices in the cathedral’s patronage and within the Peculiar jurisdiction (see also sections CLC/313/E and CLC/313/K)

• Elections of bishops (to 1633) and deans (to 1782), and admissions of cathedral and diocesan officials (see also section CLC/313/E)

• Admissions of manorial and estate officers, to ca. 1848 (see also section CLC/313/E)
There is some overlap with the Bishop’s (episcopal) registers of London Diocese (DL/A/A/004/MS09531), especially before 1631. The episcopal registers include:

- Confirmations of elections of deans of St Paul’s, to 1827 (see also section CLC/313/E)
- Confirmations of leases of St Paul’s precentorship, chancellorship, treasurership and prebendal estates, mid 16th-early 19th centuries (see also section CLC/313/N)
- Institutions and collations to dignities, prebends, incumbencies and other cathedral offices (see also section CLC/313/E), 1321-37/8, 1361-74/5, 1381/2-1646 and 1660-1939 (including details of admissions of chantry priests, to ca. 1547; see also section CLC/313/O).

In addition, details of institutions and collations between 1761 and 1937 are recorded in the London Diocesan Act books (DL/A/A/020/MS09532A; DL/A/A/018/MS09548; DL/A/A/019/MS09549). Diocesan mandates for induction and installation to prebends, including a deed of institution are also held 1970-1978 (DL/A/B/035/MS20882).

**Seal books, 1660-1940 (MS 25660/1-8 & MS 25661)**

Abstracts of documents to which the seal of the Dean and Chapter was attached. Comprise leases (see also section CLC/313/L, especially CLC/313/LG), powers of attorney, presentations, nominations, appointments of officials and (1803-ca. 1847) licences for curates and lecturers within the Peculiar jurisdiction (see also sections CLC/313/E and CLC/313/K).

**Dean and Chapter muniment books, 1660-1912 (MS 25664/1-8)**

These contain installations of officials, and (to ca. 1847) petitions for consecrations, faculties, institutions etc. within the Peculiar jurisdiction. For the period ca. 1792-ca. 1847 they also contain licences for curates, lecturers, parish clerks etc within the Peculiar jurisdiction (see also sections CLC/313/E and CLC/313/K).

**Dean and Chapter Commissary’s muniment book, 1694-1779 (MS 25665)**

A supplement to MS 25664 above, chiefly recording faculties issued, but also including copies (from 1756 only) of licences for curates,
lecturers, parish clerks and dissenting meeting houses within the Peculiar jurisdiction (see also sections CLC/313/E and CLC/313/K).

Chapter minutes

CLC/313/D

Chapter Act books, 1411-48 (‘Liber Goodman’, WD13, MS 25513), 1667-87 (MS 25739)

The Act book for 1411-48, the only surviving such volume before 1660, chiefly concerns the cathedral’s benefices, prebends, canonries and chantries (for chantries, see also section CLC/313/O); elections and installations of bishops, deans, and heads of religious houses (see also section CLC/313/E); orders for the regulation of internal disputes and discipline of chapter members and cathedral officers; dispensations for non-residence; and commissions for visitations within the Peculiar jurisdiction (see also section CLC/313/K).

The volume covering 1667-87, started with the purpose of registering Acts to extend leases of cathedral tenants whose property had been destroyed in the Great Fire, is mainly blank. A ‘stray’ volume of minutes of chapter meetings for the renewal of leases, 1728-44, is now Bodleian Library Ms Rawlinson B.371.

Certain Chapter Acts are also included in the Dean’s registers (see section CLC/313/C).

Chapter minute books, 1660-1821 (MS 25738/1-6 and MS 25795)

These relate mainly to the estates of the Dean and Chapter and to livings in their gift (see also sections CLC/313/E and CLC/313/L). The minute books are MS 25738/1-6. MS 25795 comprises memoranda of business at chapter meetings, 1661-2, which are more detailed than the corresponding entries in the minute book. The minutes for 1822-32 have not survived. The minutes from 1833, which contain a much wider range of information, are retained by the Cathedral Librarian.

Appointments of officials

CLC/313/E

- Commission for induction of Thomas Lisieux as dean, 1441 (MS 25121/3011)
• Papers concerning the election and confirmation of certain deans, 1664-1827 (MS 10950)

[For the election of John Barwick as dean in 1661, see MS 25596 below.]

For confirmations of elections of deans, see also MS 25513 (section CLC/313/D), MS 25630 (section CLC/313/C), and the episcopal registers of London Diocese to 1827 (see section CLC/313/C).

• Subscription book, 1686-1723 (MS 25801)

Includes subscriptions by archdeacons; prebendaries; minor canons, vicars choral and other cathedral personnel; incumbents presented to benefices in the Dean and Chapter's patronage and within the Peculiar jurisdiction; incumbents instituted or collated; and curates, lecturers, schoolmasters, parish clerks, and (1700-13 only) physicians and surgeons within the Peculiar jurisdiction. (For the licensing of lecturers, schoolmasters, parish clerks, physicians, surgeons and midwives within the Peculiar jurisdiction, see section CLC/313/K).

• Presentations to and resignations from livings, 1660-66 (MS 25596)

Mostly livings held by cathedral dignitaries or within the gift of the Dean and Chapter. Includes papers concerning the election of John Barwick as dean in 1661.

Other sources for appointments of bishops, deans, cathedral officials, incumbents instituted or collated by the Dean and Chapter, and incumbents instituted or collated within the Peculiar jurisdiction are listed in sections CLC/313/C and CLC/313/D. For the functions of individual officials, particularly in the 14th century, see K Edwards, The English Secular Cathedrals in the Middle Ages (2nd edn. 1967), not held at LMA. See also Victoria County History (VCH), London Vol.1 (1909), pp.420-28.

The cathedral's deans, treasurers, precentors, chancellors and prebendaries (see below) are listed in J Le Neve's Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae, 1066-1300 (compiled by DE Greenway, 1968), and 1300-1541, and 1541-1857 (compiled by JM Horn, 2 vols, 1963 and 1969), held in the enquiries office at LMA and can be requested, please ask LMA staff. For officials in the period 1857-98, see G Hennessy, Novum Repertorium Ecclesiasticum Parochiale Londinense (1898). After 1898, consult individual volumes of Crockford's Clerical Directory and the London Diocese Book (both issued annually).

Lives of a number of individual deans of St Paul’s, as well as Papers of British Churchmen 1780-1940 (Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Guides to Sources for British History no.6, 1987) are held by Guildhall Library. For a list of Surveyors to the Cathedral Fabric, 1675-1987, see P. Burman, St Paul’s Cathedral, p.181. A (typescript) list of virgers, 1598-1974, compiled by AJ Morrison, is also held by Guildhall Library Fo Pam 6422). A copy of W. Sparrow Simpson’s ‘The Charter and Statutes of the College of the Minor Canons in Saint Paul’s Cathedral’, held by Guildhall Library being a reprint from Archaeologia, vol.43 (1871), pp.165-200, includes MS lists by J.S. Bumpus of the following officials: minor canons, 1306-1908 (see also Other sources at the end of this leaflet); sub-deans,* 1414-1904; vicars choral, 1622-1909; succentors, 1672-1906; sacrists, 1660-1901; and cathedral librarians, 1728-1903.

* The office of sub-dean was instituted in 1295 and was held by a minor canon appointed by the dean, invested with authority over the ‘inferior’ clergy.

The cathedral’s [thirty] prebends are as follows:

- Broomesbury [i.e. Brondesbury]
- Brownswood
- Caddington Major
- Caddington Minor
- Cantlers [i.e. Cantlowes]
- Chamberlainwood
• Chiswick
• Consumpta-per-Mare
• Ealdland
• Eald Street
• Finsbury
• Harleston [i.e. Harlesden]
• Holbourn [i.e. Holborn]
• Hoxton
• Islington
• Mapesbury
• Mora
• Nesden [i.e. Neasden]
• Newington [i.e. Stoke Newington]
• Oxgate
• Pancratius [i.e. St Pancras]
• Portpool
• Reculversland [i.e. Reculverland]
• Rugmere
• Sneating
• Totenhall [i.e. Tottenham Court]
• Twiford [i.e. Twyford]
• Weldland
• Wenlocksbarn
• Wilsden [i.e. Willesden]

Note: there are a number of variant spellings for certain prebends. For manorial and estate records associated with most of these prebends, see section CLC/313/N.

Financial records, including salary information for cathedral personnel, are described in the full catalogue of section CLC/313/G.
Cathedral services

CLC/313/F

- Register of marriages, 1697-1740 MS 25740)*
- Register of burials, 1760-1812 (MS 25741)*
- London Diocese burial register transcripts, 1814-20 & 1825-38 (DL/A/E/043/MS11232)*

(*Note: Use of microfilm compulsory; registers are also available on Ancestry.co.uk)

Baptisms 1708-13 & 1875-1975, marriages 1740-58 & 1877-1982, and burials 1814-date are retained by the Cathedral Librarian. No earlier registers are known to survive. No marriages were recorded during the years 1758-1876.

For transcripts and indexes of baptisms 1708-13 & 1875-97, marriages 1697-1758 & 1877-96, and burials 1760-1899, see Harleian Society, vol.26 (1889). After these dates, for indexes only of baptisms (to 1939), see MS 25743/1; marriages (to 1939), see MS 25743/2; and burials (to 1936), see MS 25743/3. A typescript index of burials 1813 [sic]-53, compiled by Monnica Stevens, is Guildhall Library Fo Pam 8935, but is not held by LMA. See also 'Special' licences among the records of London Diocese, issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury for marriages at St Paul's, 1877-1980 (DL/A/D/037/MS21648).

For records of monuments in the cathedral, see section CLC/313/I; for marriage licensing records for the Peculiar jurisdiction, see section CLC/313/K.

- Register of preachers at Sunday morning services, Holy Days etc, 1726-1925 (MS 25805)
- Registers of preachers at Sunday afternoon, and evening services and on weekdays etc, 1871-1912 & 1928-55 (MS 25806/1-5)
- London Diocese list of confirmation services at St Paul’s, 1889-94 & 1898-1900 (not recording names of candidates) (DL/A/D/051/MS17847)
- London Diocese list of candidates for confirmation services at St Paul’s, 1979-81 (DL/A/D/057/MS20883)

Details of 'The Ritual and Religious Services of the Cathedral' are given by W. Sparrow Simpson in Chapters in the History of Old St Paul's (1881).
 Certain 'Ceremonials at, and Processions to St Paul’s' are recorded in Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.431-66, including the funeral arrangements for Lord Nelson in 1806, pp.455-63. For papers concerning the Duke of Wellington’s funeral at St Paul’s, 1852-3, see MS 25783/368 (among the ‘Shenley deeds’, see section CLC/313/LH).

For music at the cathedral, see Derek Keene, Arthur Burns and Arthur Saint Eds, St Paul’s, The Cathedral Church of London, 604-2004 (2004), chapters 26, 31,33 and 37; W. Sparrow Simpson, Gleanings from Old St Paul’s (1889), pp.155-244; J.S. Bumpus, The Organists and Composers of St Paul’s Cathedral (1891); and Watkins Shaw, The Succession of Organists: of the Chapel Royal and the Cathedrals of England and Wales (1991), not held at LMA. For the cathedral’s organ and bells, see section CLC/313/I.

The performances of cathedral choir boys in the ‘Paul's playhouse’ are described by Reavley Gair, The Children of Paul’s: The Story of a Theatre Company, 1553-1608 (1982), which lists the Masters of the Choristers, choristers/actors and playhouse managers (pp.184-185), as well as plays known to have been performed in the period (pp.186-187). Note: Gair appears to have found little of relevance in the cathedral archives.

For details of the medieval ‘Boy Bishop’ Ceremony held at Old St Paul’s on St Nicholas’ Day (6th December), and an edition of a sermon preached at St Paul’s by a Boy Bishop, ca. 1490-6, see Camden Miscellany, vol.7 (1875), introduction and pp.1-13. The sermon was usually prepared by the cathedral’s almoner. A statute of 1263 concerning the ceremony is edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, Registrum, pp.91-94.

There are no collections of manuscript sermons within the St Paul’s Cathedral archive. Guildhall Library has a number of printed sermons delivered at St Paul’s, as well as service sheets for certain important cathedral occasions. Printed sermons held by St Paul’s Cathedral Library are described in W. Sparrow Simpson’s St Paul’s Cathedral Library: A Catalogue, pp.48-55 & 85-120.

For sermons and other (civic, papal or political) pronouncements delivered at Paul’s Cross, see W. Sparrow Simpson, Chapters in the History of Old St Paul’s, pp.149-232; ME Cornford, Paul’s Cross: A History (1910); PE Jones, ‘St Paul’s Cross’, Guildhall Historical Association Transactions, vol.2 (1957), pp.14-22 (also available online at the GHA.
The current cross in the cathedral churchyard is a 20th-century memorial of the famous preaching cross first recorded in the late 12th century. The cross was originally built in stone, but was replaced ca. 1450 by a wooden cross with a covered pulpit. These were destroyed in 1643 by order of Parliament.

**Virtual Paul's Cross project**

The Virtual Paul's Cross project is an online reconstruction of the medieval Paul’s Cross and the north-east Churchyard (with two arms of the adjacent medieval cathedral), directed by Professor John Wall, of North Carolina State University. This project reconstructs the visual and aural delivery of a 1622 sermon by John Donne.

During the medieval period, in bad weather, Paul’s Cross sermons were often delivered in the cathedral crypt (‘Shrouds’): see Other sources, at the end of this leaflet. From the 17th century the sermons were delivered in the cathedral itself, the Corporation of London extending hospitality to the preachers: see PE Jones, ‘St Paul’s Cross’ (above). For payments to Paul’s Cross preachers, see section **CLC/313/G**.

Note: Meetings of Convocation of the southern province were regularly held at St Paul’s.

**Financial records**

**CLC/313/G**

Few financial records of the cathedral survive before the 16th century, when records of the Chamberlain and Receiver General appear with increased frequency (the two offices were combined in 1666). Earlier records include:

- Register of rents and other payments due, ca. 1222-ca. 1225 (WD12) (MS 25512)
- Accounts of expenses of the Sacrist, 1276-80 & 1306-10 (MS 25171/1-2)
- Accounts of the Keeper of the Bakehouse and Brewhouse, 1282-3 & 1286-7 (in MSS 25516 & 25502) *1
Accounts of the Sacrist, 1310-12 (section CLC/313/LH) (MS 25121/1887)

Accounts of the Keeper of the Bakehouse and Brewhouse, 1340/1 (MS 25172)

Account of receipts from the collecting box near the north door, 1342-4, with account of payments from the Cathedral Treasury, 1349 (MS 25169) *2

‘Quietus’ (i.e. receipt) rolls for accounts rendered to the Royal Exchequer, 1519-1724 (incomplete) (MS 25439/1-46)

*1 both accounts are edited by W.H. Hale, *Camden Society, 1st series*, vol.69 (1858), pp.165-72 & 172-5. MS 25502 is described in more detail in section CLC/313/B and MS 25516 in section CLC/313/LF; *2 the accounts for 1342-4 have been edited by H.H. Milman, *Annals* (1869), pp.516-18.

Cathedral accounts before ca. 1666 which include references to the City of London are described in D. Keene and V. Harding, *Survey of Documentary Sources for Property Holding in London before the Great Fire* (London Record Society, vol.22, 1985), pp.46-50.

A 17th- or 18th- century transcript of a medieval register of the cathedral’s almoner (British Library, Harley Ms 4080), has been edited by Maria Hackett, *Registrum Eleemosynariae D. Pauli Londoniensis* (1827 edn). For the original register and for other documents relating to the office of almoner, ca. 1345, see St John’s College Cambridge, Ms S.25, described by M.R. James, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts of the Library of St John’s College, Cambridge* (1913), no.272, p.318, not held at LMA. See also Davis, *Medieval Cartularies*, no.602.

Notebook of Michael Shaller, Virger and Under-Chamberlain, late 16th century, including financial accounts and some details of monuments (MS 25532)

Signed receipts for payments to Paul’s Cross preachers 1748-9 & 1756-7 (incomplete) (MS 25599)

The following later accounts may be especially useful:

Accounts of the Chamberlain and Receiver General, 1666-1805 (MS 25643/1-45)

Dean and Chapter ledgers, 1938-72 (CF136/1-17)
• Dean and Chapter cash books, 1930-71 (CF 135/1-12)

However many financial records for the 19th and early 20th centuries were almost certainly destroyed in the bombing of the Chapter House in 1940.

For other series of accounts, see sections CLC/313/H-J, CLC/313/L, CLC/313/O.

Cathedral fabric pre-1630

CLC/313/H,

The first cathedral on the present site was begun in 604 by Mellitus, Bishop of London, and was probably constructed in wood. This cathedral was rebuilt in stone by Earconwald (Bishop of London, 675-693), destroyed by Vikings in 961, and again rebuilt. Following fires in 1086/7 and 1136, an ambitious Romanesque church in Caen stone was initiated on an enlarged site. This phase of building was completed in 1241 when the cathedral was re-dedicated. The Gothic ‘New Work’ at the east end of the cathedral, which was started in 1256, elongated the choir (completed in 1314), and constructed a new central tower and spire (completed in 1315) and a new south aisle (completed in 1332). The upkeep of the ‘New Work’ was the responsibility of the Dean and Chapter, while the ‘Old Work’, the western portion of the cathedral built before 1256, was, uniquely, the responsibility of the Bishop of London. In 1300 all offerings in the cathedral were assigned to the completion of the New Work.

Few changes were made to the medieval cathedral after this period, except for rebuilding the spire after it was damaged by lightning in 1444. The spire (again), roof and much of the cathedral were damaged by fire in 1561. Extensive repairs were effected in 1561-4 (although the spire was not rebuilt), but by the early 17th century the cathedral had suffered a long period of neglect, and urgently required repair. In 1608 James I initiated a survey of the building, which resulted in an estimate for the cost of repairing the fabric and rebuilding the spire. The commissioners appointed in 1620 to investigate the necessary repairs launched a national subscription, and quantities of Portland stone were brought to the site, but again there was a lapse of interest. Subsequent repair and rebuilding work is described in section CLC/313/I.
The body of St Earconwald, patron of London Diocese, survived the 1086/7 fire which destroyed the Anglo-Saxon cathedral, and was (supposedly) translated in both 1140 and 1148 to a new shrine behind the high altar screen. In February 1326 there was a further translation to a new shrine. The shrine was a major pilgrimage attraction, but was mostly destroyed in September 1547 or shortly after, although a drawing by Hollar records the surviving pedestal of the shrine in 1657: see Dugdale (1818 edn), facing p.74. In 1552 many chapels, altars and much other stonework were demolished: see VCH (1909), p.415, and Dugdale, who records certain monuments damaged in the Reformation period (1818 edn, pp.31-32). The remains of Earconwald’s shrine were totally destroyed by the Great Fire. The only memorial from Old St Paul’s to survive the fire undamaged was that of Dean John Donne (erected 1631/2), which still survives in the current cathedral. For monuments generally, see section CLC/313/I below.

**Fabric accounts and related records**

Very few fabric accounts survive, by contrast with some other great churches such as Westminster Abbey. Many of those that do exist are effectively strays amongst the series of ‘London’ deeds of City properties (MS 25121, see section CLC/313/LH). Others, indicated below by an asterisk (*), are records of London Diocese:

1175x1176: copy appeal of Richard [of Ilchester], Bishop of Winchester, for funds to help rebuild St Paul’s Cathedral (MS 25121/1320)

This item is edited by Dugdale (1818 edn), p.63; for further details, see R. Graham, *An Appeal about 1175 for the Building Fund of St Paul’s Cathedral*, British Archaeological Association Journal, 3rd series, vol.10 (1945-7), pp.73-6, not held at LMA.

- 1323 Fragment of ‘New Work’ accounts (MS 25121/1911)
- 1326/7 Payments to carpenters, labourers etc (MS 25170)
- 1389-1454 Accounts of the Keeper of the ‘Old Work’ (incomplete) (DL/D/J/001/Ms25413/001-005)*
- 1422/3 Account of the Keeper of the ‘Old Work’ (DL/D/J/002/MS10311)*
- 1430 Inventory of building materials (MS 25121/1900)
- 1478/9 Payments to workmen of the ‘Old Work’ (DL/D/J/004/MS25414)*
• 1561-4 Payments to workmen following the 1561 fire (MS 25618)
• 1566 Account of money received for repair following 1561 fire (MS 25589)
• 1584 Inventory of building materials after the re-edifying of the steeple (section CLC/313/G) (in MS 25532)
• 1608 Estimates for repair and restoration work (MS 25619)
• 1620 Survey of repairs to stonework etc (MS 25490)

See also London Diocese rentals of property assigned to the ‘Old Work’, 1350 (DL/D/J/005/Ms25423/001); 1421 (DL/D/J/005/Ms25423/002); and 1482 (DL/D/J/005/Ms25423/003). Further documents concerning repairs to the cathedral, 1561-6, are held by the National Archives, E164 (King’s Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, Series 1), vol.66.

For indulgences issued for the rebuilding of the cathedral, 1201-1387, and for inventories of the medieval cathedral, see section CLC/313/P.

Further reading


The cathedral’s medieval cloister and chapter house, constructed ca. 1332-35 by William Ramsey on land in the angle of the (then) south transept and nave, were very small, being only 32 feet 6 inches in internal diameter. LMA holds three deeds of 1332 for their construction: see MS 25121/865, /1077 and /1902 (section CLC/313/LH). For further information, see JH Harvey, ‘The Origin of the Perpendicular Style’, in EM Jope ed., *Studies in Building History, Essays in Recognition of the Work of BH St J O’Neil* (1961), pp.134-165; Christopher Wilson, The Development of the Perpendicular Style (University of London, PhD dissertation, 1980), not held at LMA; and G.H. Cook, *Old St Paul’s Cathedral*, p.43. See also FC Penrose, ‘On the Recent Discoveries of Portions of Old Saint Paul’s Cathedral’, *Archaeologia*, vol.47 (1883), pp.381-92, on excavations of the remains of the chapter house and Paul’s Cross (see section CLC/313/F). Most of the cloister was demolished in 1549: see Blayney, *Bookshops in Paul’s Cross Churchyard*, p.4.
St Faith’s parish church, within the cathedral precinct, was demolished ca. 1255 to lengthen the cathedral. A chapel in the cathedral crypt subsequently acted as the parish church. A chapel dedicated to St Faith survives in the current cathedral, although parish services no longer take place. The parish church of St Gregory by St Paul, which stood at the south west corner of the cathedral, was destroyed in the Great Fire and not rebuilt. Cathedral services were held in St Gregory’s between June and November 1561. Inigo Jones had attempted to partly demolish this church in 1641 to make way for the cathedral portico (described in section CLC/313/I), but following the complaints of parishioners was forced to return the stonework he had taken down. LMA holds the surviving parish records of St Faith under St Paul (P69/FAI) and St Gregory by St Paul, (P69/GRE).

The Bishop of London had a palace in the medieval precinct, originally sited in the area across from the north door of the cathedral and moving some time after the late 13th century to a more extensive site to the north west. See Roderick Macleod and Peter Blayney (above), and W. Sparrow Simpson, 'The Palaces and Town Houses of the Bishops of London', London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) Transactions, new series, vol.1 (1905), pp.13-73. LMA holds a number of title deeds and related sources (dating from ca. 1582) for London Diocese properties around the cathedral: see section DOLDK of the records of London Diocese (DL/D/K), and D. Keene and Harding, Survey of Documentary Sources, pp.51-2.

For St Paul’s School, formerly in the cathedral precinct, see the section Other sources, at the end of this leaflet.

Cathedral fabric post-1630

CLC/313/I (A-E)

Following the appointment by letters patent in 1631 of a second commission to investigate repairs, plans for restoration work on the cathedral started under Inigo Jones (who had been appointed Surveyor of the King’s Works in 1628). By May 1633 new sums of money had been raised from subscriptions (paid into the Chamber of London, see section CLC/313/IB) to allow repairs to the Gothic choir. This work lasted about two years, during which time further funds were collected to recase and classicize the exterior of the nave and transepts. The work on the nave and transepts, the remodelling of the cathedral’s west front and the addition of the Corinthian west portico, continued
until at least September 1642. In addition, certain buildings adjacent to
the cathedral were demolished in the period 1632-6: see VCH (1909),
p.416, and Peter Blayney, Bookshops in Paul's Cross Churchyard,
pp.3 & 62-63. See also a list of houses adjoining the cathedral
‘necessary to be taken down ... to secure it from further spoil and
annoyance’, 1664/5 (MS 25190/8, section CLC/313/LF), and an
account of materials taken from demolished houses adjoining the
cathedral and used to repair it, January-August 1666 (MS 25679).

For further details of this period of restoration work, see J Harris and G
Higgott, Inigo Jones, Complete Architectural Drawings (1989),
especially pp.238-47, not held at LMA; Sir John Summerson, ‘Lecture on
a Master Mind: Inigo Jones’, Proceedings of the British Academy,
vol.50 (1964), pp.169-92, not held at LMA; and Sir John Summerson, The
History of the King’s Works, ed. HM Colvin et al., vol.5 (1975),
especially pp.147-52.

In October 1642 (under the Commonwealth), the Chapter was
abolished by order of Parliament, and the cathedral building turned
over to presbyterian worship. The cathedral was later occupied by a
parliamentary army which caused considerable damage. See W.
Sparrow Simpson, ‘St Paul’s during the Interregnum’, in Chapters in the
History of Old St Paul’s, pp.253-81, and VCH (1909), pp.53-54. For the
dispersal of the Cathedral Library in this period, see section CLC/313/P.

The restoration of the Dean and Chapter in 1660 was followed in 1663
by the appointment by letters patent of new commissioners for
repairing the cathedral: see Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.116-23. Repair
work was just beginning when the Great Fire of September 1666
destroyed most of the cathedral. In 1668 a warrant (for copies, see MS
11770 and MS 25783/413) was issued to raze what remained of the
eastern parts of the building [the old choir and tower], although
services continued to be held in the nave until the collapse of
stonework there in 1673. Letters patent were subsequently issued in
November 1673 for the building of an entirely new cathedral: see Wren
cathedral had already been sold by the commissioners in April 1671:
see Wren Society, vol.13, p.25.

For repairs proposed immediately before the Great Fire, see Wren
Society, vol.13 (1936), pp.13-19; for Wren’s report on the Fire (Bodleian
Ms Tanner 145, no.129), see Wren Society, vol.13, pp.20-22; and for
details of preliminary repair works, 1668-75, see *Wren Society*, vol.16 (1939), pp.183-213.

Wren (Surveyor-General of the King’s Works from 1669, and adviser to the cathedral’s repair commission since 1663) was appointed Surveyor of St Paul’s in 1675. The first stone of the new cathedral was laid in the same year, and the medieval alignment of the building was altered. Wren tried to lay the foundations for the entire new cathedral, rather than building in stages, although work continued at different speeds on various parts of the building. The choir was finished (and the first services held) in 1697, the dome finished in 1708, and the whole building declared complete in 1711. Annual summaries of expenditure, 1675-1710, are given in Wren Society, vol.13, p.11: see section CLC/313/IB for further details.

The decoration of the dome by James Thornhill was completed in 1716-20. Other minor works continued after this date, including repairs to the south transept in 1781-2 (see CLC/313/IE below). Later repairs have included the embellishment of the choir and crossing, the addition of mosaics in 1864 and 1892-1904, and the (controversial) construction of a marble reredos in 1886-8 (see CLC/313/IE below). The reredos was damaged in World War Two and replaced between 1949 and 1958 with a baldacchino. For surviving decorations, see Nikolaus Pevsner and Simon Bradley, *The Buildings of England Series: London 1, The City of London* (revised edition, 1997), pp.155-183. Many records of 19th-century embellishments are not yet fully catalogued: see the CF series, especially CF18, 57 and 84. Others are retained by the Cathedral Librarian.

There are some records of the St Paul’s Fire Watch during the Second World War within the partially catalogued CF series, especially CF1, CF2, CF4, CF5, CF17, CF21, and CF 44/1.

**Records of monuments in the cathedral**

Notebook of Michael Shaller, Virger and Under-Chamberlain, late 16th century, including financial accounts and some details of monuments (MS 25532)

Kings ... and Others, Buried in the Cathedrall Church of St Paul ... Continued untill ... 1633 (1633 edn), not held at LMA; Payne Fisher, The Tombs and Monuments etc Visible in St Paul’s Cathedral ... Previous to its Destruction by Fire A.D.1666 (1684, edited by G Blacker Morgan in 1885 reprint), and Stephen Freeth, ‘The brasses of medieval St Paul’s: a Note’ in John Schofield, St Paul’s Cathedral before Wren (2011). Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.37-74, 199-214 & 469-72, also lists monuments (continued to 1816), as well as including engravings by Hollar of certain pre-Fire monuments (but see Freeth and Schofield, above, on the reliability of detail in Hollar’s engravings). See also A.J. Jewers, manuscript transcripts of inscriptions, compiled in 1919 (CLC/256/MS02480/004, pp.1109-1255).


For the Duke of Wellington’s monument in the cathedral, see J Physick, The Wellington Monument (Victoria and Albert Museum, 1970), and Public Record Office, Works 6 (Miscellanea), which includes papers on the monument, 1853-1907. For Wellington’s funeral, see section CLC/313/F.

Minutes (CLC/313/IA)

- Minute book of the commissioners for repair and rebuilding, 1664-83 (incomplete) (MS 11770)

- Minute books of the commissioners for rebuilding, 1674-1724 (MS 25622/1-2)

  [Note: much of MS 25622/2, 1685/6-1724, has been edited in Wren Society, vol.16, pp.33-137.]

- Minute book of the trustees of the fund for preserving the fabric of the cathedral, 1832-82, with copy accounts of the fund, 1850-85 (MS 25807)

- Works committee minute book, 1925-30 (MS 25749)

Accounts (CLC/313/IB)

An Act of Parliament of 1667 introduced a levy on the coal brought by sea into the Port of London, to pay for the rebuilding of the City of London. A further Act of 1670 directed that a specified part of this
income should be set aside for rebuilding the cathedral and the City churches destroyed in the Great Fire (see section CLC/313/J). This money was paid into the Chamber [treasury] of the City of London and then paid to Wren as Surveyor to the cathedral, on receipt of warrants from the rebuilding commissioners. Note: after the completion of the cathedral and the City churches, the Coal Duty continued to fund rebuilding and general street improvement works in the City of London until the 19th century.

- Audited accounts of restoration and rebuilding works, 1633-41 & 1663-1749 (MS 25471/1-59)
  
  [Note: Wren Society, vols.15-16 (1938-9), edit much of MS 25471/16A, 16B & 52-53 (1668-75 & 1710-14).]

- Accounts of restoration and rebuilding works (not audited, but with additional information), 1633-42, 1672-1710 & 1714-49 (MS 25473/1-43)
  

- Daybooks recording money received by the Chamberlain of London for restoration and rebuilding works, 1631-44 & 1664-85 (MS 25475/1-2)

- Acquittance books, containing signed receipts for sums paid to craftsmen and suppliers for rebuilding work, 1666-1767 (MS 25481/1-8)
  
  [Signatories include Wren, Francis Bird, Langley Bradley, Caius Gabriel Cibber, Grinling Gibbons, Nicholas Hawksmoor, James Thornhill and Jean Tijou.]

- Annual abstracts of accounts of money raised by the Coal Duty, 1687-1748 (MS 25555/1-62)

- Paymasters’ ledgers of the fund for ‘completing and adorning’ the cathedral, 1700-1805 (from 1759 in the form of annual abstracts, continuing MS 25555 above) (MS 25621/1-2)

**Subscriptions (CLC/313/IC)**

Benefactions from individuals and institutions towards the restoration and rebuilding of the cathedral are described in the following series:

- Register of benefactors towards repair, 1631-41 (compiled ca. 1641)(MS 25792)
• Rolls listing benefactors towards repair and rebuilding, 1660-85 (MSS 25558, MS 25559, MS 25560, MS 25561, MS 25563)

• List of subscriptions towards rebuilding by persons of noble rank, 1678 (MS 25521)

• Returns from ca. 3300 parishes etc to briefs, ca. 1678 naming many thousands of individual subscribers towards rebuilding (MS 25565/1-28, MS 25568 & MS 25747)

[Note: For further details, including indexes of parish names by county, and a composite index of parish names, see the former Guildhall Library Manuscripts Section website at www.history.ac.uk/gh/stpaul.htm. There is no index of the names of individual subscribers.]

• List of subscribers to 1925 restoration appeal (MS 25810)

• City of London Corporation day book of receipts and payments of charitable contributions towards the rebuilding, 1664-1687. CLA/079/04/016

Supply of materials (CLC/313/ID)

• Registers of materials used in rebuilding, 1675-1703 (MS 25494/1-4)

• Memoranda, accounts etc about provision of Portland stone, 1663-78 (MS 25579/1-2)

• Letters and bills from Portland concerning supply of stone, 1691-2 & 1700 (MS 25580)

Miscellaneous (CLC/313/IE)

• In-letters relating to repair and rebuilding, 1638 & 1660-82 (MS 25200)

• ‘Call books’, registers of workmen employed on rebuilding the cathedral, 1668-1726 & 1848 (incomplete) (MS 25485/1-2)

• Annotated printed Acts of Parliament and Royal Commissions relating to the rebuilding of the cathedral, 1685-1715 (MS 25609)

• Registers of ships bringing coal from Newcastle to London, compiled in connection with the Coal Duty, 1687-95/6 & 1700-5 (MS 25472/1-3)

• Scrapbooks relating to the cathedral fabric etc, 1752-1923 (MS 25809/1-2)

• Surveyor’s report book, with annual reports on the fabric, 1888-1918 (MS 25808)
A number of other documents concerning the rebuilding, 1702-16, among the ‘Portland Papers’, are described in the *Report on the Manuscripts of His Grace the Duke of Portland, Vol.10* (Historical Manuscripts Commission, 1931), pp.96-131. Papers relating to the 18th- and 19th-century fabric of the cathedral are also held at Lambeth Palace Library. These include fabric accounts for 1752-5, 1761-2 and 1778 (LPL Fulham Papers, ‘Sherlock’, ‘Osbaldeston’ and ‘Lowth’); papers of Robert Mylne, Cathedral Surveyor 1766-1811, including a report on the fabric in 1781 compiled as a prelude to repairs to the south transept in 1781/2, when the cathedral was closed for public worship (LPL Mss 1489, 2027 and 2552-3); and correspondence on the reredos, 1885-92 (LPL Fulham Papers, ‘F. Temple’).

LMA also has Diocese of London correspondence concerning the reredos, 1888-90 (DL/C/C/014/MS24781, 12 items). See also, for the cathedral fabric 1805-1916, records held by the National Archives, Works 6 (Miscellanea). Drawings by Robert Whellock of internal architectural features and furnishings, 1858-83, are CLC/514/MS21753.

**Further reading**


See also K Downes, ‘Sir Christopher Wren, Edward Woodroffe [Assistant Surveyor to the Dean and Chapter, 1669-75], JH Mansart, and

Note: many of the craftsmen employed at St Paul’s are recorded in the index (vol.20, 1943) to those records of the cathedral which have been edited by the Wren Society.

Many of Wren’s original drawings for the reconstruction of the cathedral are now held by LMA. They are calendared in Kerry Downes, Sir Christopher Wren: The Design of St Paul’s Cathedral. Introduction and Catalogue (1988). Further drawings are at All Souls College, Oxford: see Wren Society, vol.1 (1924). Additional volumes of the Wren Society, especially volumes 2-3, 8 and 13-16 (1924-39), with index (vol.20, 1943), include copies of the drawings now held at LMA and extracts from other related records. St Paul’s Cathedral provide digital access to 226 of the Wren drawings (comprising those held here at LMA and those still held by the Cathedral) via the St Paul’s website at www.stpauls.co.uk/Cathedral-History/The-Collections/Architectural-Archive/wren-office-drawings. As well as the images themselves, researchers can access detailed descriptions and introductory essays relating to the drawings.


The cathedral organ is described by J.S. Bumpus, The Organists and Composers of St Paul’s Cathedral (1891), Appendix A, pp.199-212.

For the cathedral bells and the Ancient Society of College Youths (a bell ringing society founded in 1637 and based at St Paul’s since 1878), see William T. Cook, The Bells of St Paul’s: An Account of the Bells of St Paul’s Cathedral (2nd revised edn, 1984) not held at LMA, and The Society of College Youths, 1637-1987: A New History of the Society (1987), not held at LMA. Microfilm/fiche copies only of various of the Society’s records are held by LMA, including ‘Name books’ of
members, 1637-1959 (CLC/001/MS21656), and ‘Peal books’, 1754-1974 (CLC/001/MS21657).

The medieval chapter house, see section CLC/313/H, was damaged in the Great Fire and not rebuilt. Wren’s Chapter House was constructed in 1712-14 on a new site on the north side of the cathedral. The rebuilding accounts (MS 25471/53) have been edited in Wren Society, vol.15 (1938), pp.211-17. Wren’s Chapter House has largely been rebuilt since 1945 following damage in World War Two. Two scrapbooks concerning the cathedral fabric (MS 25809/1-2, see section CLC/313/IE) also include details of the Chapter House.

Since 1878 St Paul’s Churchyard, the open space around the cathedral, has been managed by the City of London Corporation. For the cathedral precinct and surrounding area, see two articles in London Journal, vol.16, no.2 (1991): R. Thorne, ‘The Setting of St Paul’s in the Twentieth Century’ (pp.117-128), and P. Murray, ‘Paternoster - post Holford’ (pp.129-139).

City churches rebuilding

CLC/313/J

The Great Fire of 1666 destroyed or damaged not only the cathedral, but also 87 of the City’s parish churches. By 1670 agreement had been reached that 51 of those churches would be rebuilt or repaired. A commission, comprising the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London and the Lord Mayor, was appointed to oversee the rebuilding work, again financed by the Coal Duty (see section CLC/313/IB). Wren, as the King’s Surveyor-General, was appointed to supervise the work. The repair of the damaged churches was very advanced by 1686, but continued until 1717.

- Copy orders of the commissioners for rebuilding churches, 1670-1717 (MS 25540)
- Accounts of expenditure on temporary ‘tabernacles’ for worship, pending rebuilding of churches, 1671-1677 (MS 25547)
- Abstract of accounts of Coal Duty money spent on temporary ‘tabernacles’ and church rebuilding, 1670-1696 (MS 25527)
- Audited accounts of expenditure on rebuilding the churches, recording the work of individual craftsmen, 1670-1694 (MS 25536)
• Accounts of expenditure on rebuilding the churches, with signatures and details of the work of individual craftsmen, 1670-1717 (MS 25539)

• Balance books, recording sums paid to individual craftsmen, 1673-1717 (MS 25541)

LMA holds accounts of money advanced by parishes and paid into the Chamber of London towards rebuilding parish churches, 1670-84; warrants for payments to Wren, 1670-88; and accounts of payments to Wren, 1670-84. (COL/SJ/03/044-60)

Further reading

‘The Parochial Churches of Sir Christopher Wren 1666-1718’, in Wren Society, vols.9 and 10 (1932-3). Volume 9 consists mainly of drawings and plans. Volume 10 also includes photographs, details of craftsmen employed, and extracts from Bodleian Library Ms Rawlinson B.387 (‘Register of charges and bills of 49 [sic] parochial churches rebuilt by Wren’), as well as extracts from the vestry minutes and churchwardens’ accounts of individual City parishes. These parish records are now also in the custody of LMA.


Peculiar jurisdiction

CLC/313/K (A-D)

The Peculiar jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter extended over various parishes and precincts in the City of London, Middlesex, Essex and Hertfordshire. It was abolished by an Order in Council in 1845. The parishes and precincts were:

• City of London: St Faith under St Paul, St Giles Cripplegate, St Gregory by St Paul and St Helen Bishopsgate
• Middlesex: Chiswick, Friern Barnet, St Luke Old Street, St Pancras, Stoke Newington, West Drayton, Willesden, and the precincts of Hoxton (Shoreditch), Norton Folgate (extra-parochial) and Portpool (in the parish of St Andrew Holborn)

• Essex: Barling, Belchamp St Paul, Heybridge, Navestock, Tillingham and Wickham St Paul; and Hertfordshire: Albury, Brent Pelham and Furneaux Pelham.

Licensing records (CLC/313/KA)

• Certificates of good character for licensing of a parish clerk, 1660; physicians and surgeons, 1700-13 (for the related subscriptions, see section CLC/313/E); and midwives, 1662-1711 (MS 25598/1-3)

• Register of certificates for the licensing of dissenting meeting houses, 1779-1847 (see also section CLC/313/C, Commissary’s muniment book) (MS 25726)

For visitation and court assignation books (MS 25533/1-10), listing curates, lecturers, parish clerks, schoolmasters and midwives, 1667-93 & 1700-7, see section CLC/313/KB below. For records of licences of curates, lecturers, parish clerks etc, 1756-79 and ca. 1792-ca. 1847, see section CLC/313/C.

Marriage licensing records:

• Bonds, 1670-93 (MS 25802/1-2)

• Allegations, 1686-95 (section CLC/313/E, subscription book) (in MS 25801)

• Allegations, 1687-1841 (MS 25803/1-14)

See also ‘Special’ licences among the records of London Diocese, issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury for marriages at St Paul’s, 1877-1980 (incomplete date coverage) (DL/A/D/037/MS21648)

Visitations (CLC/313/KB)

• 1181 (in MS 25504, section CLC/313/B), edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, ‘Visitations of Certain Churches [in the cathedral’s patronage] in the City of London ... between ... 1138 and 1250’, Archaeologia, vol.55, part 2 (1897), pp.283-300; with inventories of their ornaments, vestments and books.

• 1296, roll of Peculiar Court business conducted in certain parishes in Essex (MS 25432)


• 1328, Peculiar Court business conducted in certain parishes in Herts (MS 25433)

• 1335, visitations of manors and churches in Essex (MS 25122/1112)

• 1378, visitation of churches in Essex (MS 25165)

• 1458, visitation of churches in the City of London, see 1297 above (MS 25515)

• 1506, Dean Colet’s visitation expenses (in MS 25187)

• 1667-1825, visitation and court assignation books (incomplete) (MS 25533/1-10)

• 1667-1726, churchwardens’ presentments (incomplete) (MS 25800/1-116)


1552, inventories of church goods in ten parishes in the cathedral's Peculiar jurisdiction: the National Archives, E315 (Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous books), vols.497-8 etc. These have been edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, Camden Society, new series, vol.55 (1895), pp.115-22.

Note: after 1846 presentments of some of the former peculiar parishes or precincts of the Dean and Chapter are included among the records of the Archdeaconry of London (DL/AL/B/012/MS09811).

For visitation commissions in the Chapter Acts, 1411-48, see section CLC/313/D; for records of metropolitan and episcopal visitations of the cathedral, see section CLC/313/P.
Probate records (CLC/313/KC)

Probate records of the Peculiar Court survive for the period 1535 to 1837, although very few wills were proved or administrations granted after ca. 1781. The records were sent by the Dean and Chapter to the Principal Probate Registry in 1868 and 1879, these records being forwarded to the Public Record Office in the 1950s. Much of the material was returned to the Cathedral Library in 1958, from where it was transferred to Guildhall Library in 1980. Other items however, including probate inventories, were transferred directly to Guildhall Library from the Public Record Office at various dates. These records are now all held by LMA.

- Probate and administration act books, 1646-50 & 1660-1837 (MS 25625/1-9)*
- Will registers, 1535-1643 & 1660-1837 (MS 25626/1-14)*
- Original wills, 1660-1837 (MS 25628/1-120)
- Probate inventories, 1660-1725 (MS 19504/1-77)

(*Note: Use of microfilm compulsory)

MS 225625/1-9 are calendared in photocopied volumes of contemporary calendars (MS 25625A/1-2) held in the Information Area at LMA.

MS 25626/1-6 are indexed in MS 25627, and MS 25626/7-14 are calendared in MS 25627A, both of which are held in the Information Area at LMA. There are no printed indexes.

In addition to wills proved in the Peculiar Court, LMA holds a number of original and copy wills of cathedral officers and benefactors: see section CLC/313/P.

Miscellaneous (CLC/313/KD)

- Accounts of fees for licensing, legal and other business, 1748-57 (MS 18003)
- 1757-1800 (MS 25736/1-2)

Dean and Chapter estates

CLC/313/L (A-I)
The cathedral and its officials had extensive land holdings within the City of London, as well as in Middlesex, Essex, Hertfordshire and elsewhere. It is important to distinguish estates held by the Dean and Chapter collectively, as here, from those held by the dean or other dignitaries and prebendaries individually, for which see sections CLC/313/M and CLC/313/N.

The manors held by the Dean and Chapter collectively (and for which series of records survive) included:


For appointments of manorial and estate officials, see section CLC/313/C; financial records, often including salary information for the cathedral’s manorial officials, are in section CLC/313/G.

In ca. 1872 the corporate estates and manorial lordships of the Dean and Chapter, with the sole exception of Tillingham in Essex, were transferred to the Ecclesiastical (later Church) Commissioners. In most cases the relevant manorial records held at LMA continue until the mid 20th century, as the result of separate deposits of records by the Church Commissioners. The Dean and Chapter were permitted to retain Tillingham, the only episcopal or cathedral estate not to be transferred to the Commissioners, because it was believed to be the oldest continuous landholding in England, having been given to the Dean and Chapter by Ethelbert, King of Kent, in ca. 604.

Early references to cathedral estates and manors include:

1086x1107, list of manors rendering payments in kind to the cathedral (in MS 25504, section CLC/313/B). Edited by W.H. Hale, Camden Society, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), p.152

c.a. 1130, survey of cathedral property in London (in MS 25504). Edited by HWC Davis in AG Little and FM Powicke eds, Essays in Medieval History Presented to TF Tout (1925), pp.45-55, not held at LMA.

1181, inquisition of cathedral manors (in MS 25504). Edited by W.H. Hale, Camden Society, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), pp.140-152

1222, ‘Domesday of St Paul’s’, also known as ‘Liber K’, MS 25514 (see section CLC/313/LF)

c.a. 1243-54, rental of Dean and Chapter revenue and expenditure (in MS 25509, section CLC/313/B)

c.a. 1290-ca. 1390, survey and visitation book, also known as ‘Liber I’, MS 25516 (see section CLC/313/LF)

Late 13th century, rental of Dean and Chapter revenue and expenditure (in MS 25509). The manorial portions were edited by W.H. Hale, Camden Society, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), pp.154-64

1315-1488, accounts of collectors of rents in London and its suburbs (MS 25125/1-99, see section CLC/313/LD)


Records of individual manors survive with increased frequency from the 17th century. The following are among the earliest survivals, in some cases from the 13th century, although later series are available in each case:

**Court rolls and books (CLC/313/LA)**

- Barnes, Surrey, 1433-1675 (incomplete) (MS 25275/1-6)
- Heybridge, Essex, 1381-1413 & 1417-1642 (MS 25281/1-7)
- Norton Folgate, Middlesex, 1439-94 & 1509-18 (MS 25287)
- Paul’s Walden, Hertfordshire, 1351, 1424, 1493-1531 & 1541-58 (MS 25297)
- Sandon, Hertfordshire, 1301-3, 1309, 1311-42 (MS 25290/1-12)
- West Drayton, Middlesex, 1394-1423, 1435-58 (MS 25279/1-2)
• Wickham St Paul, Essex, 1400-1690 (incomplete) (MS 25299/1-2)

**Court accounts (CLC/313/LB)**

• Accounts of fines and perquisites of manorial courts, 1661-1773, arranged by manor (MS 14213A/1-3)

• Accounts of fines and perquisites of manorial courts, 1661-1719, 1738-54 & 1776-9, arranged chronologically (MS 14213/1-6)

• Steward’s accounts of fees received from manorial courts, 1745-73 (MS 14213B/1-2)

**Manorial accounts (CLC/313/LC)**

• Acton, Middlesex, 1295-7, 1299-1301, 1323-4 (MS 25122/612 & MS 25319/1-4)

• Runwell, Essex, 1352, 1355-6, 1358-60 (MS 25322/1-4)

• Sandon, Hertfordshire, 1259-60, 1325, 1334-5, 1339-40 (MS 25323/1-7)

• Therfield, Hertfordshire, 1444-6, 1448-9, 1460-1 (MS 25331/1-4)

**Rent accounts (CLC/313/LD)**

Accounts of the collectors of rents from estates in London and its suburbs, 1315-1488, incomplete and with varied contents, including (ca. 1340-ca. 1400) many individual chantry accounts (see section CLC/313/O) (MS 25125/1-99)

Registers of rents collected, arranged by property, 1735-1811 (MS 25693/1-2)

**Rentals (CLC/313/LE)**

• Barnes, Surrey, various rentals, 1460-17th century (MS 25122/664 & MS 25333/1-5)

• Belchamp St Paul, Essex, 1240 (part of manor only) (in MS 25504) [Edited by W.H. Hale, Camden Society, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), pp.118-121.]

Cathedral rentals before ca. 1666 which include references to the City of London are described in Keene and Harding, *Survey of Documentary Sources*, pp.46-50.
Surveys and related sources (CLC/313/LF unless stated)


- ca. 1290-ca. 1390, survey and visitation book (‘Liber I’, WD16, MS 25516), including detailed surveys of many cathedral manors ca. 1297-1300 [Parts of this volume are also described in sections CLC/313/G, CLC/313/K, CLC/313/P]

- ca. 1290, articles of enquiry at a visitation of cathedral manors (in MS 25516, as above). Edited by W.H. Hale, Camden Society, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), pp.153-6; Hale also edits the visitation articles of 1320 (in MS 25504, section CLC/313/B), pp.156-60.

- 1320, visitation articles of cathedral manors, see ca. 1290 above (in MS 25504)

- 1334, visitations of cathedral manors in Middlesex, Herts and Surrey (MS 25164)

- 1335, visitations of cathedral manors and churches in Essex (MS 25122/1112)

- 1452, ordinance of Thomas Kempe, Bishop of London, for a visitation of the manors belonging to the Dean and Chapter (section CLC/313/LH) (MS 25121/1903)

Detailed ‘parliamentary’ surveys, compiled in 1649 and after, exist for many Dean and Chapter estates (MSS 11816A-B, 25190, 25595, 25631 and 25820). Individual parliamentary surveys are also to be found among the ‘London’ and ‘Shenley’ deeds described in section CLC/313/LH.

For further parliamentary surveys for certain cathedral properties, 1647-1649, see Jane Houston, Catalogue of the Ecclesiastical Records of the Commonwealth 1643-1660 in the Lambeth Palace Library (1968), pp.136 & 150, not held at LMA.


- Registers of contracts for the sale of the cathedral’s lands in the ‘Commonwealth’ period, 1649-58 (MS 25633)
For original leases and sales by the Parliamentary commissioners, see the ‘Shenley deeds’ (section CLC/313/LH); for other related papers, see MS 25240 (section CLC/313/LI).

Maps of estates:

- Israel Amyce, survey of the manor of Belchamp St Paul, Essex, 1576; with plans, giving field names and topographical details (MS 25517/1-2)
- Israel Amyce, survey of woods and groves in Edmonton, Tottenham and Enfield, Middlesex, belonging to Robert Cecil, 1599; with plans, giving field names and topographical details (MS 18798)

Further maps and plans of the cathedral’s estates are held by LMA. See CLC/313/LI.

Registers of leases (CLC/313/LG)

- Dean and Chapter estates, lease abstract book, ca. 1662, with annotations to ca. 1744 (MS 25691)
- Dean and Chapter estates, register of leases, ca. 1755-1850 (MS 25730)

Leases are also entered in:

- Cartulary and statute book (section CLC/313/B) (MS 25504) [Note: some 12th-century leases of manors belonging to St Paul’s are edited by W.H. Hale, *Camden Society*, 1st series, vol.69 (1858), pp.122-39.]
- Chapter Act book, 1411-48 (section CLC/313/D) (MS 25513)
- Dean’s registers 1536-1642 & 1660-1909 (section CLC/313/C) (MS 25630/1-47)
- London Diocese Bishop’s registers, mid 16th early 19th centuries (DL/A/A/004/MS09531)
- Seal books, 1660-1940 (section CLC/313/C) (MS 25660/1-8)
- See also Chapter minute books, 1660-1821 (MS 25738/1-6) and Chapter Act book, 1667-87 (MS 25739), both section CLC/313/D.

Title deeds (CLC/313/LH)

- ‘London deeds’, i.e. of City of London properties, 12th -17th centuries (MS 25121/1-2099 and MS 25121/3000-3081)
[Note nos. 2100-2999 were never used] Draft catalogue slips of deeds 1-1789 are held in the LMA enquiry office, please ask staff. Keene and Harding, ‘Survey of Documentary Sources’, pp. 40-44, index the City deeds before ca. 1666 by parish. For items concerning chantries among the ‘London deeds’, see section CLC/313/O.

- ‘Country deeds’, mainly relating to properties in Middlesex, Essex, Hertfordshire etc, 12th-16th centuries (MS 25122/1-1523)

No catalogue slips are available, although deeds 1-1463 are listed, and indexed by parish, in an 18th-century calendar, MS 25616/2 (see section CLC/313/P).

Note: a number of the earlier deeds from both the ‘London’ and ‘Country’ deeds series have been edited by Marion Gibbs (‘Early Charters’), or calendared by Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report).

- ‘Gilbertson deeds’, deeds and other papers, 17th-19th centuries (MSS 25764-82)

Items numbered and calendared ca. 1882-86 by Rev L Gilbertson, Minor Canon and (1897-1903) Librarian of St Paul’s. Their origins are diverse, and some have no apparent connection with the cathedral. Gilbertson’s calendar of the deeds has been catalogued as MS 25613A/2 (see section CLC/313/P).

Draft catalogue slips exist for Mss 25764-9 only. These are held at LMA enquiries office and can be requested, please ask LMA staff. Certain items with no London or St Paul’s Cathedral connections were transferred from Guildhall Library to local record offices between 1980 and 2009.

- ‘Shenley deeds’, deeds and other papers, 17th-19th centuries (MS 25783/1-726, MSS 25784-96A)

Items found in Shenley, Hertfordshire, in 1949, and deposited at Hertfordshire Record Office. They were later returned to the cathedral, and transferred to Guildhall Library with the bulk of the archives in 1980. A complete schedule was compiled at Hertfordshire Record Office and is now GL MS 25796A/2.

Most of the Shenley material (MSS 25784-96A) is fully catalogued. MS 25783/1-726 comprises around 400 items in total, with many gaps in the numbering system. Draft catalogue slips for certain items within MS 25783/1-726 are held at LMA enquiries office and can be requested, please ask LMA staff. Keene and Harding.
Survey of Documentary Sources, pp.40-44, give an index by parish of the pre-1666 deeds for the City of London only.

**Miscellaneous (CLC/313/LI)**

Papers, including original leases and sales, relating to various properties, apparently sold by the Parliamentary commissioners in the Commonwealth period, 17th century (MS 25240). See also similar material among the ‘Shenley deeds’ (in MS 25783/1-726), section CLC/313/LH.

Plans of various properties held by the Dean and Chapter dating from 1667-1930, formerly held by Guildhall Library Prints and Maps section, currently (October 2014) do not appear in LMA's public catalogue (though listed under this heading), but will appear in 2015 on LMA’s OPAC, probably under CLC/313/LJ.

**Dean’s Peculiar estates**

**CLC/313/M**

The Dean’s Peculiar estates, from which the dean personally drew the income, were located in the City of London, Middlesex, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex and Hertfordshire.

For papers relating to the estates of William Worsley (Dean, 1479-99), including the revenues of the Deanery, his other ecclesiastical preferments, and numerous estates held privately in London, Middlesex, Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Berkshire (almost all leased from the Dean and Chapter), see CLC/519.

The papers in CLC/519 have been edited by Hannes Kleineke and Stephanie R Hovland, *The Estate and Household Accounts of William Worsley, Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral, 1479-1497* (London Record Society in association with the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust and Shaun Tyas, Donnington, vol.40, 2004).

For ‘parliamentary’ surveys of the Dean’s Peculiar estates, compiled in 1649 and after, see MSS 11816 and 25190. For ‘parliamentary’ surveys of the estates of the Dean and Chapter, which may contain further information about the Dean’s Peculiar estates, see sections CLC/313/LF and CLC/313/LI.

- Dean's Peculiar estates, register of leases, 1664-1848 (MS 19931)

From 1840 (after the holder’s life-interest) the ownership of the
estates and manorial lordships of the cathedral’s dignitaries and prebends was transferred to the Ecclesiastical (later Church) Commissioners. In most cases the relevant manorial records held at LMA continue until the mid 20th century, as the result of separate deposits of records by the Church Commissioners.

Dignitaries and prebendaries’ estates

CLC/313/N

Precentorship estate records are held for the manor of Stortford Rectory (Hertfordshire); Treasurership estate records are held for the manors of Whitebarns and Albury Parsonage (Herts).

Prebendal and other dignitaries’ estates, registers of leases, 1721-1861 (MS 25745/1-3)

LMA has records of the following manors held by the cathedral’s prebendaries:

Middlesex

- Brondesbury
- Brownswood
- Cantlowes
- Chamberlainwood
- Chiswick
- Eald Street [Old Street]
- Finsbury

[The prebendal manor of Finsbury, Middlesex, was leased to the City of London during the years 1514-1867. Records relating to the City’s time as lessee of the manor (including court books 1581-1867) are held as CLA/043 and CLA/045.]

- Hoxton
- Islington
- Neasden
- Oxgate
- Stoke Newington
• Tottenhall alias Tottenham Court

[Records of the manor of Tottenhall (Tottenham Court), Middlesex, 1306-78 (incomplete), are MS 25346/1-8. Court rolls for 1664-1875 and other records are held as the Southampton estate archive, M/90.]

• Wenlocksbarn

Essex

• Reculverland
• Sneating Hall
• Wyland Fee

A full listing of records held for these manors is contained within the Guide to the Manorial records of the former Guildhall Library Manuscripts Section website at www.history.ac.uk/gh/19.htm

For ‘parliamentary’ surveys made in 1649 of dignitaries’ and prebendaries’ estates, see MS 25632. For ‘parliamentary’ surveys of the estates of the Dean and Chapter, which may contain further information about dignitaries’ and prebendaries’ estates, see sections CLC/313/LF and CLC/313/LI.

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For records of property of the College of Minor Canons, see the section Other sources at the end of this leaflet.

Chantries and obits

CLC/313/O

• ca.1222-1225, calendar of obits and payments due (section CLC/313/G) (in MS 25512)
• mid 13th century, list of chantries and their rents (section CLC/313/B) (in MS 25504)
• 1271, list of chantry priests (in MS 25504)
• 14th century, calendar of chantries and rents assigned to them (in MS 25504)
• 14th century, calendar of obits (section CLC/313/B) (in MS 25509)*
• 14th century, calendar of chantries, obits and sums assigned to them (in MS 25502)
• 14th or 15th century, calendar of obits (MS 25134)
• 1541-7, account of money paid for obits (MS 25648)
• ca.1547, chantry certificates, giving details of foundations, income and expenditure, and inventories of plate, vestments etc (MS 25526)

* arranged by name and edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, Camden Society, new series, vol.26 (1880), pp.61-106. Sparrow Simpson also gives a list of obits, arranged by date, pp.194-202. See also additional list of obits, arranged by date, in H.H. Milman, Annals (1869), pp.504-15.

Accounts of individual chantries (mainly concerning the collection of rents):
• 1332 & 1367-70, 1410-18 & 1514-17, chantry of Ralph de Baldock (MS 25137)
• 1413-27, 1431-3, chantry of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster (MS 25151)
• 1315-16 & 1341-3, chantry of Henry de Guildford (MS 25140)
• 1461-2 & 1470-1, chantry of John Hiltoft (MS 25144)
• 1403, chantry of Alan de Hotham (MS 25150)
• 1454-78 (incomplete series), chantry of Sir John Pulteney (MS 25158)
• 1477-78, chantry of Roger Walden (MS 25160)
• 1363-1418 (incomplete series), chantry of Roger de Waltham (MS 25161)
• 1361-69, chantry of Nicholas de Wokyndon (MS 25163)

Further material concerning obits and chantries (including ordinances and inventories of chapels) can be found among the ‘London deeds’ series (see section CLC/313/LH), particularly MS 25121/1917-99, which relate to chantries at St Paul’s Cathedral, and MS 25121/2000-17, which relate to chantries elsewhere. They include a list of 73 chantries and their chaplains, compiled ca. 1370 (MS 25121/1954). For a calendar of
all the items, see Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report), boxes A74-76. See also MS 25502 (section CLC/313/B), which includes certain 14th-century chantry ordinances; and relevant entries in the Chapter Act book, 1411-48 (section CLC/313/D).


Miscellaneous

CLC/313/P

Selective extracts from the no longer extant, so-called ‘Register of Fulk Bosset’ (Bishop of London, 1241-59), relating to churches belonging to the Dean and Chapter in the 13th century. Compiled in the 17th century (MS 25788).

Original and copy wills of cathedral officers and benefactors, 13th-17th centuries (MSS 25262-71), calendared by Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report, boxes A66-68).
Inventories of cathedral goods and records


- 1295, inventories of plate, vestments and books in the Cathedral Treasury (with additions to 1299), and belonging to the cathedral’s chapels and altars (in MS 25516, section CLC/313/LF). Edited in Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.310-35, with corrections by W. Sparrow Simpson in Archaeologia, vol.50 (1887), pp.460-63. See also 1315-ca. 1336 (MS 25503-3A), below.

- 1313, list of books bequeathed to the cathedral by Ralph de Baldock, Dean of St Paul’s, 1294-1304, and Bishop of London, 1304-13 (MS 25271/17). The titles of most of these are listed by AB Emden, Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A.D. 1500, vol.III (1959), pp.2147-8, not held at LMA. See also Maxwell Lyte (HMC Ninth Report), box A66, no.17, now MS 25271/17.

- 1315-ca. 1336, copies of the 1295 inventory of the Cathedral Treasury, with additions to ca.1330 (WD3, MS 25503) and ca. 1336 (WD3A, 25503A, a photocopy of Bodleian Library Ms Ashmole 845, ff.172-87).

- 1358, list of books (in an indenture attached to the will of William de Ravenstone, late almoner, MS 25271/46) for the use of the cathedral’s Almonry (i.e. Cathedral School, see also the section Other sources at the end of this leaflet). Listed by E Rickert, ‘Chaucer at School’, Modern Philology, vol.29 (1952), pp.257-74. (Note This journal is not held at Guildhall Library).

- 1402-ca. 1413, 1445/6, inventories of plate, vestments, furniture, books etc (WD8A, MS 25508A). Edited by W. Sparrow Simpson, Archaeologia, vol.50 (1887), pp.500-524. See also W. Sparrow Simpson, St Paul’s Cathedral and Old City Life, pp.35-46.

- 1447, Dean Thomas Lisieux’s extensive inventory (with draft version) of the cathedral’s title deeds, cartularies and record books (MS 25511 & 11A). See Davis, Medieval Cartularies, nos. 600-1.
• 1451, list of vestments bequeathed to the Dean and Chapter by the late Robert Gilbert, Bishop of London 1436-48 (MS 25436).

• 1458, inventory of the Cathedral Library (British Library, Cotton Charters XIII, no.11). See Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.392-98.

• 1486, inventory of books in the Cathedral Treasury (B.L., Cotton Charters XIII, no.24). See Dugdale (1818 edn), pp.399-401.

• 1552, inventory of the cathedral's plate, jewels, vestments etc (the National Archives, E117 (King’s Remembrancer, Inventories of Church Goods), no.4/71). Edited by J.O. Payne, St Paul’s Cathedral in the Time of Edward VI (1893).

• 1553, short inventory of the cathedral's plate, jewels etc. Edited by Dugdale (1818 edn), p.391. Note: The source of this reference is unclear.

• 1559, list of books and documents ‘appertaining to the Cathedral Church ..., to the Dean ... and [to] the Dean and Chapter’, which were passed by Henry Cole (Dean, 1556-9) to William May (Dean, 1559-60) (MS 25184). Extracts are printed by Dugdale (1818 edn), p.401.

• ca. 1622, list of manuscripts in the Cathedral Library, compiled by Patrick Young, Royal Librarian and, 1621-52, Treasurer of St Paul’s (currently only partly processed, ref. CF56). For the context, see Young’s list for Worcester Cathedral, edited by I. Atkins and N.R. Ker, Catalogus Librorum Manuscriptorum Bibliothecae Wigorniensis, Made in 1622-1623 (1944), not held at LMA.

• ca. 1647, catalogue of manuscripts and printed books transferred from the cathedral to Sion College in the Commonwealth period (Bodleian Library, Ms Rawlinson D.888, ff.2-5). See N.R. Ker, Medieval Manuscripts in British Libraries, vol.1, pp.240 & 263.

• 1650, alphabetized shelflist of the cathedral's library held at Sion College (‘Sion College Arc.L.24.1/Si 7M’, now held at Lambeth Palace Library). Note: this collection of manuscripts and books was almost totally destroyed in the Great Fire (see ca. 1666 below).

• 1659, list of writings ‘belonging to St Paul’s church’ (British Library, Lansdowne Ms 364).

• ca. 1666, manuscripts, transferred to Sion College, which survived the Great Fire. These are listed in MS 25121/1916 (section CLC/313/LH). However this list is now missing, and was probably never passed to Guildhall Library. See N.R. Ker, Medieval Manuscripts in British Libraries, vol.1, p.240 for a [full?] transcription. The surviving items returned to the cathedral in 1670.

18th- and 19th-century inventories of cathedral records, some compiled by W.H. Hale and W. Sparrow Simpson. These have been catalogued as MS 25612 to MS 25617A. Note: Matthew Hutton’s extracts from the cathedral’s records (British Library, Harley Ms 6956, made in the late 17th century) include details of a number of medieval volumes which have not survived. See G. Yeo, ‘*Record-keeping at St Paul’s Cathedral*’, especially pp.34-36.

For inventories of plate, vestments etc of the cathedral’s chantries, see section CLC/313/O; for inventories of churches in the cathedral’s patronage, see section CLC/313/KB.

**Indulgences**


For further indulgences, see: MS 25122/1140 (section CLC/313/LH), indulgence granted by the Bishop of London, ca. 1123-7; and copies in the medieval episcopal registers of London Diocese (DL/A/A/004/MS09531). Other indulgences towards the repair of the cathedral exist in the episcopal registers of other dioceses: see David Smith, *Guide to Bishops’ Registers of England and Wales* (1981), which includes details of those registers calendared by the Canterbury and York Society.

**Records of metropolitan visitations of the cathedral**

St Paul’s claimed exemption from metropolitan visitations. In 1249/50 Archbishop Boniface was denied access: see VCH (1909), p.420, and Camden Miscellany, vol.9 (1895), pp.v-viii. However after a protracted struggle a papal mandate allowed the principle of metropolitan visitation of the cathedral. A subsequent visitation by Archbishop Winchelsey is recorded in *Registrum Roberti Winchelsey*
Records of episcopal visitations of the cathedral

Episcopal visitation of the cathedral seems to have gone unchallenged. However in 1289 the cathedral's prebends were declared free of episcopal and archidiaconal jurisdiction: see W. Sparrow Simpson, Registrum, p.89.

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- Copies of presentments at the episcopal visitation of 1598, by minor canons, virgers etc, making various allegations [edited by Sparrow Simpson, Registrum, pp.272-80] (MS 25175)
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Other Sources

The College of Minor Canons

The Minor or Petty Canons were established as a distinct body within St Paul’s Cathedral from an early date, and attended all cathedral
services. The sub-dean of the cathedral was traditionally appointed from the Minor Canons. In 1366 the Minor Canons were left a common hall in the cathedral close, and in 1394 became a corporate body by royal charter (see below). See W. Sparrow Simpson, ‘The Charter and Statutes of the College of the Minor Canons in St Paul’s Cathedral’, Archaeologia, vol.43 (1871), pp.165-200; and Sparrow Simpson, ‘Statutes of the College of the Minor Canons in St Paul’s Cathedral’, LAMAS Transactions, vol.4 (1875), pp.231-52.

The main records, CLC/314, of the Minor Canons were deposited separately from the St Paul’s Cathedral archive in 1993 and after (although a number of items had been transferred with those of the Dean and Chapter in 1980 or earlier still). The records include: royal charters of 1394, 1414, 1468, 1511 and 1566 (CLC/314/MS29410, CLC/314/MS29412-5); ratification of the new constitution by the Bishop of London, 1395 (CLC/314/MS29416); statute book, 1397-1521 (CLC/314/MS29418); minute books of college meetings, 1760-1981 (CLC/314/MS29420); account books, 1722-1958 (CLC/314/MS29425); memorandum book concerning estates and revenues, 1649-1770 (CLC/314/MS29432); and lease registers, 1722-1873 (CLC/314/MS29433, incomplete).

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St Paul’s Cathedral Choir School

The archives of the Choir School, which date only from the 19th century, were also deposited separately in 1994 and after. A brief history of the school, first mentioned in 1127, is given in the catalogue of its archive, CLC/315. The school, formerly in Carter Lane, is now in New Change.

A list of known choristers, early 18th century to 1873, compiled by K.I. Garrett, can be found in Guildhall Studies in London History, vol.1, no.2 (1974), pp.82-93. References in the St Paul’s Cathedral archive include payments to choristers (with surnames of recipients), 1873-6, which may be found in MS 25725/1, and, 1876-81, in MS 25725/2. There is also a register of applicants to the school (giving the names of those who were successful), 1879-1938 (MS 29518). A printed register of the choir school, 1873-1964, is held by Guildhall Library.
The medieval choir school, run by the almoner, was distinct from the grammar school, run by the chancellor (and later re-founded by Dean Colet in 1510). See AF Leach, ‘St Paul’s School before Colet’, Archaeologia, vol.62 (1910), pp.191-238. This school was originally near the cathedral, but was destroyed in the Great Fire. It was rebuilt in 1670 and 1822, moving in 1884 to Hammersmith and in 1968 to Barnes. Until 1876 the school was run by the Mercers’ Company, who continue to hold administrative records of it. See AH Mead, A Miraculous Draught of Fishes: A History of St Paul’s School (1990); Sir M McDonnell, The Annals of St Paul’s School (1959), and Registers of St Paul’s School 1509-1748 (1977); and RB Gardiner, Admission Registers of St Paul’s School, from 1748-1876 (1884), and 1876-1905 (1906).

The Fraternity of Jesus in the Crowds

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