

John Donne – Poet and Prelate in the City

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| Date/Time | Wednesday 14 May 2025 11am -1pm/2pm | Price | £20 |
| Venue | Meet at the statue of John Smith in St Mary le Bow churchyard, just off Cheapside, London EC2V 6AU <i>Nearest tube stations Bank or St Paul's on the Central line</i> | Lecturer/ Guide | Jill Finch |

A Catholic who became Dean of England's National Anglican Cathedral, a poet who never published, and an outcast who became a celebrity.

John Donne was born on Bread Street in the City of London, very near St Paul's Cathedral where he became Dean. His geographical journey was quite short; his spiritual one a bit more complex.

Join City of London Guide Jill Finch to follow in Donne's footsteps from Cheapside to The Strand, through the dangerous streets of the sixteenth- and seventeenth-century City – a gated world in religious upheaval.

The walk CAN finish at around 1pm at St Clement Danes Church.

BUT for the stouthearted there will be an opportunity for a coffee/tea break at Pret on the Strand and then to continue to Lincoln's Inn where Donne studied law. To finish with a visit to the Chapel where he laid the foundation stone and delivered the first sermon.

Leader

Jill Finch is an Associate of the Institute of Tourist Guiding, a qualified City of London Guide and Lecturer, qualified St Paul's Cathedral Guide. She also guides the Guildhall Art Gallery and the Church of St Hallows by the Tower.